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By the Budget Committee, Committee on Prudential Affairs, Committee on Gorham Hill Water System, Selectmen, Treasurer, Water and Sewer Commission, Tax Collector, Library Trustees, Trustees of Trust Funds, Judge of Municipal Court, Auditors and Clerk.

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Town Officers, 1916-17

Selectmen.

W. B. GATES,

C. B. NORTON,

E. H. BARRETT.

Treasurer.

A. E. LEAVITT.

Collector.

D. C. HAMLIN.

Clerk.

M. M. WILLIS.

Road Agent.

J. A. FRASER.

Library Trustees.

HARRIET MARBLE, G. L. PRESSEY,

H. M. BERWICK.

Health Officer.

HENRY MARBLE.

Police Officer.

MURDICK GRAHAM,

P. E. DALEY.

Firewards.

H. J. FANCY,

A. L. BURBANK,

S. S. BENNETT.

Auditors.

E. H. CADY,

F. R. JENNINGS.

Supervisors of Check Lists.

P. K. ROSS,

A. G. WELSH,

H. L. HAYDEN.

Moderator.

J. F. LIBBY.

TOWN OF GORHAM, N. H.

Police Justice.

HARRY G. NOYES.

Attorney.

ALFRED R. EVANS.

Water and Sewer Commission.

T. H. McHUGH, C. C. LIBBY, A. L. BURBANK.

Budget Committee.J. F. LIBBY, C. G. HAMLIN, G. E. NOYES,
W. H. MORRISON, W. C. LIBBY,
I. W. FOGG, C. A. CHANDLER.**Prudential Committee.**C. C. LIBBY, E. H. CADY, B. C. SMITH,
F. R. JENNINGS, H. M. BERWICK.**Trustees of Trust Funds.**

B. C. SMITH, E. H. CADY, T. E. MALLOY.

State of New Hampshire

{  } To the inhabitants of the Town of Gorham, in the County of Coos, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall, Androscoggin street, on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town charges for the ensuing year, and appropriate money for the same.
3. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for street lights.
4. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to distribute the inventory blanks when taking the inventory.
5. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the Public Library.
6. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for sprinkling streets.
7. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for permanent sidewalks.
8. To see what amount the town will vote to raise for the retirement of town water bonds, or a sinking fund, and appropriate money therefor.
9. To see what action the town will take in regard to raising and appropriating money for a night watchman for the ensuing year.
10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate seven hundred and fifty dollars on steam roller.
11. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the construction of the state trunk line road.
12. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance of trunk line.
13. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for construction of state aid road.
14. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance of state aid road.

15. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for highways and bridges.
16. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for improvement of Harriman Road, so called, on Gorham Hill.
17. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for oiling permanently built roads.
18. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Sewer and Water Commission.
19. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for improvement of Common.
20. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for band concerts.
21. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for repairs and addition to fire alarm system and relocating same.
22. To see if the town will vote to establish, construct, maintain and operate a system of water works for fire protection and for the domestic and other general public and private uses of its inhabitants residing at, or in, the vicinity of that portion of the town known as Cascades, and a system of sewers for properly draining the buildings and public streets of said portion of the town; to provide money for the same by borrowing a sufficient amount upon its notes, bonds, or other obligations and choose such committees, officers or agents as may be necessary or convenient to carry out any vote that may be passed under this article.
23. To see if the town will vote to purchase a lot of land and erect, construct and maintain thereon a municipal building for the purpose of providing a town hall for the use of its voters and inhabitants as a place of assemblage at elections, and for all other lawful purposes; all necessary and convenient offices for the use and accommodation of the various officers and departments of the town government and organization, including fireproof vaults for the protection and preservation of its important records, documents and papers; suitable quarters for its police and fire departments and the housing and care of the apparatus and hose of the latter department; and for any other lawful purpose for which it may be considered convenient or desirable for the town to make provision; to provide money for the same by borrowing a sufficient amount upon its notes, bonds or other obligations, and choose such committees, officers or agents as may be necessary or convenient to carry out any vote that may be passed under this article.
24. To see if the town will vote to exempt from taxation all bonds that may be issued for the purposes enumerated under the provisions of article 22 and article 23 held by any of its citizens in accordance with the provisions of ch. 55, sect. 1, of the laws of 1907.

25. To see if the town will vote to discontinue such portion of the highway leading from Gorham to Berlin, as lies between the tracks of the Berlin Street Railway and the fence on top of the bank westerly of said tracks for a distance of one hundred feet northerly from the southerly end of the waiting-room of said Railway, opposite the Cascade mills, and authorize the Selectmen to convey to said Street Railway any interest that the town of Gorham may have in the above-described discontinued portion of said highway.

26. To see if the town will vote to increase the salary of the Justice of the Municipal Court, and to what extent.

27. To hear the report of the Committee on By-Laws for management of prudential affairs, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

28. To hear reports of town officers, agents and committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

29. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-fourth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventeen.

W. B. GATES,
C. B. NORTON,
E. H. BARRETT,

Selectmen of Gorham.

A true copy of warrant—attest:

W. B. GATES,
C. B. NORTON,
E. H. BARRETT,

Selectmen of Gorham.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Budget Committee

To the Voters of the Town of Gorham:

The Budget Committee respectfully submits the following report and recommendations:

The Committee this year began its meetings on October 11, 1916, and have held in all sixteen sessions. As no newspaper is now published in the town of Gorham, notice of the beginning of our sessions was given to the people of the town by posting type-written notices at the postoffice, both in Gorham village and at Cascade, and in other public places in the town, in which an invitation was extended as usual to all citizens to attend the Committee's meetings for the purpose of suggesting and conferring with it in regard to the work and necessary appropriations for the coming year. In response to this invitation a considerable larger number of our citizens attended more or less of our sessions than in former years. We believe that the Budget Committee has demonstrated its usefulness in many ways, not the least of which is in awakening an interest among a larger number of our people in the manner of conducting our town affairs and in inculcating to a large extent progressive ideas as to the proper development and betterment of our town, the good results of which are already apparent and we believe will become more apparent as the years pass by. In the recommendations for appropriations which follow, the Committee has included but few items which might be termed new work. This does not mean, however, that there are not many things which the town and school district should do to meet urgent requirements and which involve the expenditure of very large sums of money. There are four principal items of which the town and school district are in urgent need, viz., a municipal building, a suitable school building at Cascade, the installation of a water and sewer system at Cascade and a new high school building for Gorham village.

Municipal Building.

We place as of first importance a municipal building for the housing of the town offices, in which should be fireproof vaults for the preservation of important town records; for fire apparatus, Police Court, lock-up, and a hall suitable for holding the meetings of the town and school district and also for a place of assembly of the people in their amusements and social affairs; and, we might add, for the temporary housing of our public library until the town

feels able to build a suitable library building. By the destruction by fire of the Opera House, in which were located the people's assembly room, the Police Court room, lock-up and Town Hall, the town is left entirely without any place of assemblage excepting the churches, and the voters have no adequate place for the holding of town meeting and conducting of the town's business. We believe it is imperative that a town of the valuation and population of Gorham provide a building for the above enumerated purposes, suitably located and worthy in design and construction of the progressive spirit and artistic sense of its people, and which will be a monument to our liberality and enterprise for the inspiration of succeeding generations. The Committee would, therefore, recommend that the town take such action toward providing such a building as may seem wisest, best and most expedient. No estimate of the cost of such a building can be arrived at until a location has been selected, and the Committee, have, therefore, not made any attempt at getting an estimate. It would suggest, however, that the method pursued by the town to get this matter in shape be, first, that the town act upon the article in the warrant under which it will decide whether it will build a municipal building or not; if it decides in the affirmative, then have a committee appointed to get options on any lots that might be considered desirable on which to construct this building and procure plans, specifications and estimates and report to an adjourned meeting of this annual meeting. At the adjourned meeting, the town can then decide upon the lots submitted by the committee and pass upon the article relating to raising the money for the purpose of purchasing the lot and constructing the building. The town should keep in mind that in this matter we are considering one of great importance, not only to the present, but to probably many future generations of its citizens. The matter should not be dealt with hastily or thoughtlessly, but should receive the best and most careful consideration when we act upon this important subject. It will, undoubtedly, cost much more to construct such a building as the town ought to have at the present time than it will perhaps cost in a few years from now, after the world has recovered from the effects of the great European war. And, in order to get such a building as we ought to have, this fact should be taken into consideration in making our appropriations for this purpose. We should not go beyond what the town can reasonably afford; neither should we be narrow minded or niggardly when passing upon this subject. We should not think in terms of the valuation of the town as it existed in 1902, when its total valuation was only \$536,000 and when the people, because of the town's small valuation, were apt to figure closely on expenditures of any kind; but we should rather think in terms of the \$3,685,000 valuation which we possess today and let our ideas and liberality in providing such things expand proportionally.

School Building at Cascade.

The next thing in importance we believe to be the erection of a schoolhouse at Cascade which should be more in accordance with their needs in that portion of our town and more indicative of our appreciation of the fact that two-thirds of the value of our taxable property is located at that end of the town, than the present school quarters which the town provides would seem to indicate. And while this matter is, strictly speaking, a matter for the school district to consider, it may not be inappropriate for us to point out in this report the desirability of the school district's taking action looking towards the providing of this necessary improvement in our school facilities there. The present buildings are badly located and ill calculated to meet the modern demands of sanitation and ventilation, to say nothing of adequate construction and room for the needs of the school population at Cascade. A site selected so that one schoolhouse would accommodate the school population both on the heights and on the River road is very desirable, and would, we believe, result in bringing more people and taxable property into that portion of our town as well as in increasing the interest of both parents and pupils in their schools, encouraging the children to greater efforts and enabling teachers to do better and more effective work with their pupils. We understand that such a site would be presented to the district if the district should decide to build a modern schoolhouse on it.

Water and Sewer System at Cascade.

If such a schoolhouse is constructed, as above suggested, it is important that a supply of water and a sewer be available in order that its sanitary condition may be properly provided for. It is, therefore, desirable that some arrangement be made by which this necessary adjunct can be provided, not only for the sake of such a schoolhouse, but also for the sake of furnishing adequate fire protection and improving the general sanitary conditions for that important part of our town. The Committee, therefore, had the situation looked over by the Sewer and Water Commission of the town with a view to installing a complete water and sewer system for the village of Cascade. Estimates for installing such a system were also procured. These estimates were made by three different parties as follows: Estimate of S. D. Wilson, \$42,000; Forest Ward, \$58,720.80; T. H. McHugh, \$53,578.25. These estimates included the construction of a reservoir and the installation of all necessary hydrants for fire protection. It is especially desirable to install the system during the coming summer for the reason that it should be constructed before the state boulevard is built, as, if the boulevard is built first, it will, of course, be necessary to tear up a large portion of it when the water and sewer system is put in—as will eventually have to be done if not done now—thus adding to the cost of installing this portion of the system and greatly damaging

the trunk line in that locality. At the last annual meeting \$4000 was raised and appropriated for the construction of a sewer, only, in said highway in the expectation that arrangements could be made with the Berlin Water Company to lay their pipes in the same trench and bear half of the expense of digging and back filling. But the Berlin Water Company declines to extend their water pipes down into the town of Gorham and the appropriation was not therefore expended.

In considering the above three very important matters the Committee have not been unmindful of the fact that the cost of labor and material is abnormally high and it deliberated and considered this fact very carefully and for a long time before concluding to make the foregoing three recommendations. But it finally concluded that notwithstanding the extraordinary condition of prices that the need of the above mentioned projects is so great that the town and school district connot afford to wait until such time as prices may become more nearly normal; considering also in this connection that it may be a number of years before prices get back to the basis on which they were before the European war, if they ever get back to that basis.

And the Committee further considered that, notwithstanding high prices, business is everywhere booming to its utmost capacity, our working men are receiving higher wages than ever before in the history of the country and all kinds of property are yielding a larger and more steady revenue than ever before. This general condition prevails also to a notable extent in this town. And the Committee believe that the people are now better able to inaugurate and carry through these important works and will be perhaps more willing to do so because of their general prosperity, notwithstanding the high prices, than they would at a time when prices might be lower, but, with lower prices, business might be poorer, property investments less secure and wages at a lower standard. From these considerations the Committee think it is the part of wisdom to have what we want now without waiting for possible future events to transpire which might not, considered from all points of view, make it any more easy or any less burdensome to provide the town and school district with these very necessary additions to their municipal and school interests.

High School Building.

The Committee do not wish to intrude its offices upon the school district which had no part in creating it, but as the school district is composed of exactly the same property and the same people as the town organization, they feel that it will be pardonable if they consider another matter which concerns the school district, only, and that is the question of a new high school building. The school district already has a building which provides in a measure for the needs of the high school and, while it is not what the requirements

of a modern high school now demand and is much over crowded and lacks facilities for doing the best work, yet, in view of the fact that it is possible to get along without a new high school building for a while longer and in view of the greater urgency and need of buildings and improvements for which we have no practicable substitute, we would recommend that the building of a new high school building be deferred a while longer. For the money that it would now cost to consider such a building, a much better and more desirable building could be obtained, in all probability, when prices have settled back to where they were before the great world disturbance of prices occasioned by the European war. In our recommendations in regard to the above four very important subjects, we have endeavored to pursue, as to expenditures, a middle course between recommending everything which we ought to have, which would involve a very large expenditure of money, and refusing to recommend the construction of any of these things because of the extraordinary expense involved. To do all of these things in one year under present conditions would seem not to be wise. To refuse to do anything in these directions would equally be folly, as it would show a narrow, ill-liberal and unprogressive state of mind and a lack of faith in our present and future ability and prosperity as a community. We have thus presented our views somewhat at length because we believe that their importance requires it and trust that, whether our recommendations are heeded or not, in acting upon these subjects the town will act with wisdom and in accordance with the best interests of the whole body of our people.

We will add that the estimated expense of the above four matters is not included in the items following inasmuch as money raised for such purposes would necessarily have to be hired on notes, bonds or other obligations of the town or school district and will, therefore, not be an element in determining the probable tax rate for the ensuing year.

The Committee have voted to make the following recommendations for appropriations:

Highways and bridges.....	\$2,000 00
Constructing state trunk line.....	1,200 00
Repairs and maintenance of trunk line.....	2,000 00
Construction of state aid road	1,300 00
Repairs and maintenance of state aid roads	500 00
State taxes.....	6,112 50
County tax, estimated on basis of last year's tax.....	5,113 33
Schools, as required by law.....	6,300 00
Town charges	5,000 00
Town lighting.....	2,100 00
Night watchman	1,200 00
Steam roller.....	750 00

Public library	\$900 00
Sewer and water commission.....	3,000 00
For repairs and improvements on the Harriman road, so called, on Gorham Hill.....	250 00
Oiling permanently built roads.....	500 00
New sidewalks.....	2,500 00
Improvements of common	1,000 00
Band concerts.....	300 00
For repairs and additions to fire alarm system and re- locating same	1,500 00
Street sprinkling	450 00
Sinking fund.....	5,000 00
Overlay	1,000 00
Total appropriations recommended.....	\$49,975 83
Add to this sum the probable requirements of the school district.....	9,164 00
And it gives a total amount of recommended appro- priations	\$59,139 83
Estimating the number of polls on the basis of 1916, we would derive from this source.....	1,344 00
Leaving the amount to be assessed upon property as a property tax.....	\$57,795 83
The total valuation of real and personal estate on April 1, 1916, was.....	\$3,685,340 00
From which should be deducted soldiers' exemption	6,800 00
Leaving net value for taxing purposes.....	\$3,678,540 00

If all of the recommendations of the Committee are adopted, it will give us a tax rate of \$1.57 on a hundred on the basis of last year's valuation.

DETAILED EXPLANATION OF APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

Highways and Bridges---\$2000.00.

This amount is recommended for general repairs and upkeep of all town roads other than state trunk line and state aid roads and for such painting and repairing of bridges as may be found necessary and for work on winter roads. Because of the scarcity and high price of labor, it was not thought best to recommend any permanent road construction on those streets and roads which are strictly town roads.

Constructing State Trunk Line---\$1200.00.

The only portion of the state trunk line passing through this town that remains to be constructed is that portion between where construction stopped last fall, a short distance beyond Tinker

Brook Hill, to the Berlin line. By appropriating \$1200 the state will provide \$3400 additional; giving a fund of \$4600 to complete all trunk line construction within the limits of this town. And, in future years, it will not be necessary to make further appropriations for such construction.

Repairs and Maintenance of State Trunk Line---\$2000.00.

By appropriating this amount the state will furnish an additional amount of \$3000, giving us a combined fund of \$5000 to maintain our state trunk line. We shall have a greater length of state trunk line to maintain this year than we had last year and it is, in consequence, likely to cost more than last year to keep this road in suitable condition.

Repairs and Maintenance of State Aid Road---\$500.00.

Our only state aid road is the Lancaster Road, so called. This road was constructed in conjunction with the state as a permanently improved road some few years ago between its junction with the Berlin Road and the Boston & Maine depot. It has, now, become so far worn out that extensive repairing and resurfacing is necessary. By appropriating \$500 the state will furnish \$500 also, giving us a fund of \$1000 with which to do this work.

Construction of State Aid Road---\$1300.00.

That portion of the Lancaster Road between the Boston & Maine depot and the foot of Gorham Hill has never been constructed as a permanently built road. Whatever work has been done on that portion of this road has been done wholly at the expense of the town. By appropriating the above amount of \$1300 the state will furnish the same amount, giving us a fund of \$2600 with to permanently construct this portion of the road.

State Tax---\$6112.50.

This is the amount that will be assessed upon this town for the ensuing year and this is \$187.50 less than last year's tax.

County Tax (Estimated), \$5113.33.

This is estimated from last year's figures as the town's portion of the county tax has not yet been assessed.

Schools, as Required by Law---\$6300.00.

The law requires the selectmen to assess the above amount and no comments are, therefore, necessary. We would, however, call attention to what this Committee said last year in regard to obtaining anything from the state aid fund for schools, calling particular attention to the fact that whether we receive anything from this fund or not depends in a measure upon the average school attendance. And the average school attendance in turn depends upon the regularity with which children attend school. It lies, therefore, to a great extent in the hands of the parents as to whether the aver-

age attendance will be large enough to entitle us to something from this fund. By seeing to it that the children attend school regularly the parents can thus aid in obtaining our share of the state aid fund for schools.

Town Lighting---\$2100.00.

It is likely that it may be necessary to install a few more street lights and the appropriation recommended is, therefore, raised from the amount recommended last year by \$100.

Town Charges---\$5000.00.

The items which are usually considered as coming under the head of Town Charges are town officers' salaries and expenses, election and registration expenses, municipal court expenses, care and supplies for Town Hall, fire department, Public Health Department, vital statistics, town and county poor and all other necessary charges which are not the subjects of special appropriations. The amount expended last year for the several purposes above enumerated and paid for out of money appropriated for town charges was \$5145.67, according to the classification and amount given by the selectmen. As election and registration expenses were probably somewhat larger last year owing to the fact of having held a state and national election than they will be this year, it is thought that \$5000 will cover all necessary town charges for the ensuing year.

Night Watchman---\$1200.00.

This is a considerable increase over the amount heretofore recommended and appropriated for this purpose. In view of the fact, however, that wages and salaries have greatly increased in all departments of labor and business and with this increase the cost of living has also greatly increased and in view of the further fact that our night watchman is on duty for twelve hours out of the twenty-four, including Sundays, we have deemed it but an act of justice to recommend this increase in his salary. We believe that Mr. Daley, who has been our night watchman, has performed his duties faithfully and conscientiously, with good judgment and in the interest of the people's safety and security. Good and desirable men are in demand everywhere and if we would retain one in the service of the town in this important position we must necessarily pay him what such services command in other localities. If he is paid the above salary, all officer's fees will go to the town, instead of as formerly, to the officer.

Steam Roller---\$750.00.

This is the amount required to be paid each year under our contract of purchase and will complete paying for this machine.

Public Library---\$900.00.

The trustees of the Public Library say that because of the increased cost of rebinding old books, and of all kinds of equipment

and supplies, it is necessary to increase the sum appropriated in former years to the above amount. No doubt everybody appreciates the value of our Public Library and the importance of keeping it up to as high a standard as possible and making it available to the people of the town to the fullest extent possible. We believe that this sum will be profitably and economically administered by the library trustees and that our voters will approve of providing all necessary funds for keeping our library up to its maximum efficiency.

For Sewer and Water Commission---\$3000.00.

The bursting of a section of our twelve-inch water main which occurred during the last year, near the Messenger place, by reason of which the water supply of the largest part of the town was for a short time almost entirely cut off, has called attention to the urgent necessity of providing more gates along the large main in order that the flow of water through the main may be shut off at convenient points and in case of a break be brought across from one hydrant to another by means of hose, as was done while repairing the aforesaid break. There are places along the main extending through Main street where the gates are so far apart that a very long line of hose would be required to bring the water across any break happening between gates. It is, therefore, very necessary that more gates be supplied and that also a considerable amount of additional hose be furnished to use in case of such break in connecting up the line so that the water supply will not be entirely shut off beyond the break.

There is also need of making improvements at the intake of the water system, in order that the intake reservoir may be completely drained for the purpose of cleaning out fallen leaves, sticks and other debris with which it is likely to be clogged, especially in the fall of the year after a heavy rain or in the spring when the snows are melting. Its present arrangement is inadequate for this purpose. The pipe at the intake is likely to become clogged with debris brought down the brook at such times. This constitutes a danger in case of fire which the town cannot afford to risk. It is estimated that the above sum will be sufficient to make the necessary changes at the intake and to install gates, supply hose, etc., to meet the above necessities.

Harriman Road on Gorham Hill---\$250.00.

This is a regularly laid out highway and it is incumbent upon the town to keep it in good condition. It is the only road by which the Madison Spring Company's place of business can be reached and inasmuch as that Company are making a large outlay in the erection of buildings, installing machinery, etc., at their spring and

are likely to build up a business of considerable importance to the town, thus adding to the town's taxable property, the committee believe the town should afford them such facilities of access and exit from their property as they are reasonably entitled to.

Oiling Permanently Built Roads---\$500.00.

As this committee said in its last report, we believe that it is in the line of sound economy to keep our permanently built roads well oiled. Another coating of oil should be given to Exchange and Railroad streets which were built last year, and when the state aid road or Lancaster Road is repaired it should be immediately oiled in order to make it more durable. We believe also that that portion of the state trunk line up the Glen Road that was not oiled last year should be oiled. In the oiling of this last named road the funds will be furnished mutually by the state and town. The expense of oiling all other permanent roads will have to be paid by the town.

Granolithic or Cement Sidewalks---\$2500.00.

The committeee recommend that this amount be appropriated and used, first, in the construction of a wooden sidewalk across Moose River by the side of the bridge over that river, so as to connect the ends of the present cement sidewalks; and, thus, provide a means for people on foot crossing the river without the necessity of walking in the roadway used by teams and autos. The expense of constructing an iron and concrete sidewalk across this river was inquired into and found to be so large that in the interest of economy it was thought best to recommend the wooden construction instead. There is still on hand in the town treasury an unexpended balance of \$260.19 which was formerly appropriated to construct sidewalks at the Upper Village and this amount could be used together with any further amount that might be required out of the \$2500 to build such a bridge sidewalk. The Committee believe that this bridge sidewalk should be built as a measure of safety for pedestrians and especially for the considerable numbers of children, who have occasion to cross this river, but who, now, are obliged to run the risk of being run down by the large number of autos that are constantly passing and repassing over the highway bridge. Another reason for its construction is the fact that in rainy or muddy weather pedestrians meeting an auto on the bridge must necessarily pass so close to it that mud is usually thrown by the wheels of the auto all over the clothing; a condition of things which women, especially, desire to avoid. The Committee further recommend that the balance of the appropriation of \$2500 be expended in constructing a sidewalk up Main Street from Church Street as far as the balance of the money will carry it. It was the sense of a

majority of the committee that this sidewalk should be constructed on the northerly or river side of the street.*

For Improvements of Common---\$1000.00.

The Committee recommend that this sum be appropriated for the building of a permanent concrete wall near Park and Main Streets in order to form a basin which may be flooded for skating purposes in the winter, and whatever balance may be left should be expended for general park improvements. Heretofore a plank dam has been built each year which is removed in the spring because of its more or less unsightly appearance. A concrete wall once built will save future expense of building and taking away a plank dam as has been done hitherto. This concrete wall should be so located that should it ever become desirable to grade and level up the common in this vicinity this cement construction will supply the necessary supports for the embankment that would thus be formed.

Band Concerts---\$300.00.

It is believed that the people gained sufficient enjoyment out of band concerts last year to warrant continuation of them for the coming summer. The amount of the appropriation recommended is increased as it was thought that for more money a better quality of music might be obtained.

Fire Alarm System---\$1500.00.

The present fire alarm system is in a very unsatisfactory condi-

*The chairman of the Committee does not have any vote unless there is a tie in the vote; but if he could have voted he would have recorded his vote in favor of building this sidewalk on the southerly side of the street as far as the residence of Mr. G. M. Forbush and constructing the balance of the sidewalk from that point on the opposite or northerly side of the street.

He believes that the sidewalk should be constructed on the side of the street on which the houses are located in order that the people, who dwell along that portion of the street, may not be obliged to cross the road and the electric railroad tracks and climb an embankment of considerable height to get up on to the sidewalk as they would have to do if it was built on the northerly or river side of the street. The grass growing between the rails and in the gutter between the rails and the aforesaid embankment is usually tall and thick and covered with grease; and the chairman does not believe that the residents along that portion of the street should be obliged to wade through this greasy grass in order to avail themselves of sidewalk facilities. Considering the above objections the chairman must emphatically disapprove of building the sidewalk on the northerly or river side of the street between the above mentioned points.

J. F. LIBBY, Chairman.

tion partly owing to the fire which damaged it to some extent and partly owing to the fact that connected as it is with the Grand Trunk air pressure, it has not proved to be reliable. The pressure there not being steadily maintained, it is liable at any time to be insufficient to sound a sufficiently loud alarm. After consulting with the firewards it meets with the approval of both the firewards and the Committee to recommend the installation of pressure tanks and a pump connected with an electric motor which will automatically pump in the air whenever the pressure gets down to a certain point, and to install this apparatus at some other suitable place in town. This installation, at present, can be made at the those house on Androscoggin Street and if a municipal building is built it can afterward be changed to that location. All the fire alarm apparatus which the town now owns is all right to be used in conjunction with this additional equipment. The above estimate of the cost is arrived at from correspondence of the firewards with the Gamewell and other companies manufacturing fire alarm apparatus. It is unnecessary to urge attention to the importance of having a reliable fire alarm system and it is believed that the town will have no hesitation in voting this appropriation.

Street Sprinkling---\$450.00.

It was voted by the Committee that the above sum be recommended for sprinkling streets, which should be done under a contract with some responsible person, and that the regularity and sufficiency with which the streets are sprinkled be strictly supervised by the Selectmen in order that the streets may be properly sprinkled at all times when they are not sufficiently wet from rains to make it unnecessary.

Sinking Fund---\$5000.00.

With the water and sewer bonds already owned by the town and the amount of money in the sinking fund with which to purchase more of the town's bonds, the bonded indebtedness of the town is, at present, just one-half of the original amount of \$30,000. An appropriation of \$5000 will still further reduce our bonded debt and meet the requirements of the sinking fund for this purpose.

Overlay---\$1000.00.

Heretofore the overlay allowed has been nearly double this amount, but as the town's cash balance shows over \$28,000 in the hands of the town treasurer, it does not seem necessary to provide for a greater overlay than the above amount. The primary object of the overlay is to answer any abatements of taxes that may be made, and judging from the amount of taxes abated in the past, \$1000 will be ample to cover any such abatements as are likely to be made for the ensuing year.

In conclusion the Committee desire to say that it was requested at various times during its meetings to recommend appropriations

for the construction and improvement of several other matters in the town; among which may be mentioned a bridge across the Androscoggin at the foot of Alpine Street. Whether there is sufficient public demands and necessity for such a bridge, at the present time, the Committee deemed very questionable. And even if there were a sufficient public demand for it, on consulting with the representative of the bridge company from whom the town has purchased some of its bridges in past years, it was found that the expense would be prohibitive and all out of proportion to the public benefits. It has also had requests for construction of sidewalks in various parts of the town, but because of the greater necessity of other expenditures being made during the coming year to provide things that are much more needed than sidewalks, it was thought best to make no further or other recommendation for appropriation for sidewalks than that given above. We have tried to consider fairly and impartially all requests for improvements and have recommended those which we believe are of the most importance, and have constantly kept in mind the necessity of keeping our tax rate to about where it has been for the past two or three years.

Respectfully submitted.

JESSE F. LIBBY,
WALTER C. LIBBY,
CHARLES G. HAMLIN,
IRVING W. FOGG,
GEORGE E. NOYES,
CHARLES A. CHANDLER,
WILLIAM H. MORRISON,

Budget Committee.

Report of Committee on Prudential Affairs

To the Voters of the Town of Gorham:

Gentlemen—This committee was reappointed at the last town meeting for the purpose of assisting the selectmen in putting the recommendations as recorded in our last year's report into effect, and also for the purpose of working out any other problems that would affect the prudential affairs of the town.

In order that you may more fully understand the work that this committee has been doing we want to call your particular attention to the fact that our chief aim has been to improve the system of town management. Our last year's report, which you passed favorably upon, recommended certain changes in the method of conducting our town business; and, while the new accounting system is an important part of the new method, it is by no means the chief issue, but merely a means by which the chief issue may successfully be carried out.

Under the old conditions each department of the town was conducting its business entirely independent of any central authority. Our selectmen did not accept any responsibility for the official acts of our various administrative officers, and they had practically no control of the expenditures of those officers. We were doing a \$140,000.00-a-year business without a manager, a condition that you would immediately condemn if you were conducting a private business of this magnitude.

We now require that our selectmen be actually town managers and exercise authority over our other administrative officers with regard to their official duties and expenditures. Without an adequate system of accounting whereby all accounts are centralized in the selectmen's office we could not expect them to exercise this authority intelligently. It is such an accounting system that we now have in operation. The system is adequate but not complicated; our town officers assure us that they are well pleased with it, that they have no difficulty in comprehending its details, and that the information obtained more than repays the extra work involved.

During the first part of last year Mr. Mabie of the State Tax Commission formulated our accounting system under our direction. At a general meeting the system was accepted by the selectmen,

and during the month of July Mr. Mabie personally made the transfer from the old to the new system of accounting.

With the new system of town management in effect only a part of the year, during which time it could not be expected that more than a slow but sure working out of the details could be effected, we can at this time only report in a brief way the excellent possibilities that are evident.

We now have in our board of selectmen an advisory and executive head that will be responsible for the welfare of the town in general and for the judicious expenditure of town money in particular.

The new accounting system, as we have explained, was formulated with the particular idea of centralizing all the accounts in the selectmen's office; through this the selectmen have an absolute check on all the expenditures of our town officers.

The selectmen will meet at least once each week, regularly, at a time and place which they will make public. These selectmen meetings are not only for the purpose of keeping up the books, meeting those who have business with them and doing the regular routine town business, but are intended largely to be the time and place when they will give their particular attention to the advancing of new ideas and to the working out of various town problems. If you are interested in our town attend these meetings and bring your ideas and suggestions with you.

The old method of paying lump sums to our heads of departments for further distribution by them has been done away with. All bills against the town must be presented in the original, approved by the head of department incurring same and by the selectmen; they are then paid by the town treasurer, the voucher check system being used. The town treasurer also personally pays all payrolls and the signature of each employee is required in receipt.

Through the accounting system it is possible to know at any time the exact standing of all appropriations; this will be of great value as a means of avoiding the so frequent overdraft.

All receipts and payments are recorded in orderly classification in a book provided for this purpose. The details and condition of notes and bond issues are recorded. In fact you will find the town business of all departments recorded in systematic order and in every particular under the supervisory management of our town head—the selectmen. The system is, in our opinion, a thoroughly good one and we trust that you will be sufficiently interested to investigate its further details.

It has been a great pleasure as well as a duty to this committee to work out this plan of town management for you and for ourselves. We have sincerely endeavored to do it wisely and well.

We cannot conclude this report without emphasizing the fact that what we have given you is, after all, only a system—a tool

that will do good or indifferent work according to the skill and ability with which it is used. If our selectmen are indifferent and do not care to accept the responsibility of their office they will use the system indifferently and the system will lose in value accordingly. In other words, the system is no better than the board of selectmen who use it. For this reason we should all insist that this system be always placed in the hands of a board of selectmen who are progressive and efficient, a board who will get the full value of the system and use it in bettering the prudential condition of the town.

Respectfully.

CHARLES C. LIBBY, Chairman,
ELISHA H. CADY,
BERTRAM C. SMITH,
FREDERICK R. JENNINGS,
HENRY M. BERWICK, Secretary,
Committee on Prudential Affairs.

Gorham, N. H., February 17, 1917.

Gorham Hill Water System

To the Voters of the Town of Gorham:

Having been appointed by the selectmen as a committee to investigate in regard to a water system on Gorham Hill and to make estimate of the probable cost of same.

We submit the following:

We found a spring in the town of Randolph, on land owned by a Mr. Fields, which has a flow of ten gallons of water per minute; the distance to lay pipe from this spring to highway near Sylvester Wilson place is twenty-two hundred (2200) feet, and the distance from said Wilson place along main highway to Jas. A. Fraser house is thirty-nine hundred and sixty (3960) feet.

We estimate the cost of building a reservoir, and installing a line of four-inch pipe from spring to Fraser place, at ten thousand, one hundred and fifty dollars (\$10,150.00). This is based on present market price for material, and does not include cost of the spring.

There are some other springs in the town of Randolph which we looked at, but are quite a distance away, so we have not made estimate on same.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES C. LIBBY,
THOMAS H. McHUGH,
JAMES A. FRASER,

Committee.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

BALANCE**Town of Gorham.****Assets.****Cash.**

In hands of town treasurer (Do not include cash in sinking funds)	\$28,197 72
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Accounts Due to the Town.

Taxes not collected: (a) Levy of 1916	1,775 72
Due from State.	
(b) State aid maintenance	80 17
(c) Trunk line maintenance	664 85
Due from County	10 53
Other bills due town, bounties	5 00

Sinking Funds.

(a) Value of securities, bonds owned by town	18,000 00
(b) Cash belonging to sinking funds	12,000 00

Materials and Supplies.

Interest due on bonds owned by town	90 00
(a) Property bid in by town.....	1,203 00
 Total assets.....	\$62,026 99
Excess of liabilities over assets (net debt)	49,365 42
 Grand total	\$111,392 41

SHEET.

February 15, 1917.

Liabilities.

Accounts Owed by the Town.

Orders outstanding, Mrs. E. H. Fogg, order No. 56....	\$5 00
Due to state, trunk line construction.....	549 22
Due to school districts: (a) Dog licenses.....	78 00
Long term notes outstanding	43,000 00
Bonds outstanding.....	60,000 00

Trust Funds, Amount of Principal Used by Town.

High school lot appropriation	\$2,500 00
Sidewalk appropriation	260 19
Gorham Hill water appropriation	1,000 00
Cascade sewer appropriation.....	4,000 00
Total liabilities.....	\$111,392 41

Grand total..... \$111,392 41

UNIFORM
RECEIPTS AND

Town of Gorham.

Receipts.

Current Revenue.

From Local Taxes.

1. Property and poll taxes, current year..	\$58,526 76
3. Property and poll taxes, previous year.	1,422 11
From State.	
5. For highways:	
(a) For state aid maintenance	265 93
(c) For trunk line maintenance	4,100 35
(d) For trunk line construction	11,840 45
6. Insurance tax.....	4 50
7. Railroad tax.....	4,095 03
8. Savings bank tax.....	2,834 55
10. Liquor licenses.....	146 84
11. For fighting forest fires.....	6 73
12. For bounties.....	30 60
13. Literary fund.....	359 49
14. For education.....	800 00
From County.	
15. For support of poor.....	144 84
From Local Sources Except Taxes.	
17. Dog licenses.....	78 00
18. All other licenses and permits.....	30 00
19. Fines and forfeits	215 72
21. Interest received on taxes and deposits	998 55
23. Public library.....	487 59
Water and sewer.....	4,361 26
School board	2 93
Fire department.....	18 00
Primary.....	12 00
Total current revenue receipts.....	\$90,782 23

Receipts Other than Current Revenue.

24. Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year.....	10,000 00
Oiling streets	288 99
Total receipts other than current revenue	\$10,288 99
Total receipts from all sources.....	\$101,071 22
Cash on hand at beginning of year.....	14,500 52
Total receipts carried forward.....	\$115,571 74

CLASSIFICATION.

PAYMENTS.

For the Year Ending February 15, 1917.

Payments.

Current Maintenance Expenses.

General Government.

1. Town officers' salaries and expenses...	\$1,699 60
2. Election and registration expenses....	119 95
3. Municipal court expenses	430 25
4. Care and supplies for town hall	390 93

Protection of Persons and Property.

5. Police department	985 02
6. Fire department.....	1,767 74
8. Bounties.....	35 60
9. Damage by dogs.....	25 00

Health.

10. Health department	212 46
11. Vital statistics.....	52 65

Highways and Bridges.

12. State aid maintenance	542 02
13. Trunk line maintenance.....	6,767 41
14. Town maintenance.....	3,396 85
15. Street lighting	1,912 64
16. General expenses highway department	101 82

Education.

17. Libraries (Payments to school districts should be reported under number 45)	678 78
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Charities.

18. Town poor.....	184 53
19. County poor	194 67

Patriotic purposes.

20. Memorial day and other celebrations .	200 00
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Recreation.

22. Parks and playgrounds.....	141 51
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Public Service Enterprises.

23. Water supply system	3,068 30
24. Sewer maintenance.....	59 12
25. Surveying Cascade water and sewer..	29 80
Highway damage case.....	57 50

Total current maintenance expenses \$23,054 15

Total payments carried forward

\$23,054 15

Receipts and

Total receipts brought forward.....	\$115,571 74
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Grand total.....	\$115,571 74
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Payments---Continued.

Total payments brought forward	\$23,054 15
Interest.	
27. Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$212 00
28. Paid on long term notes.....	1,945 44
29. Paid on bonded debt	2,400 00
Total interest payments.....	\$4,557 44
Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements.	
32. Highways and bridges, trunk line construction	\$10,489 51
33. Highways and bridges, town construction.....	1,717 34
34. Sidewalk construction	2,340 53
36. New equipment	1,239 00
Total outlay payments.....	\$15,786 38
Indebtedness.	
38. Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes.....	\$10,000 00
41. Payments to sinking fund.....	7,000 00
Total indebtedness payments	17,000 00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions.	
42. Taxes paid to state	\$6,300 00
43. Taxes paid to county.....	5,113 33
45. Payments to school districts.....	15,562 72
Total payments to other governmental divisions.....	\$26,976 05
Total payments for all purposes.....	\$87,374 02
Cash on hand at end of year	\$28,197 72
Grand total.....	\$115,571 74

Schedule of Town Property

	DESCRIPTION.	VALUE.
1.	Town hall, lands and buildings.	
	Furniture and equipment	\$800 00
3.	Police department, lands and buildings.	
	Equipment	200 00
4.	Fire department, lands and building.....	3,000 00
	Equipment	2,872 00
5.	Highway department, lands and buildings.....	125 00
	Equipment	2,712 50
7.	Water supply, if owned by town	63,000 00
	Hearse	300 00
	Total	\$73,009 50

Statement of the Condition of Appropriations, February 15, 1917.

PURPOSE.	Balance forward.	Appropriations	Receipts.	Amount expended.	Unexpended balance.	Overdraft.
1 Scarifier.....	\$225.23	\$250.00	\$4,972.85	\$5,527.42	\$250.00	
2 Water and Sewer Commission.....	500.00	433.00		433.00	170.66	\$33.00
3 Gorham Hill Road Construction.....	350.00	236.25		236.25	13.75	
4 Oiling Roads.....	250.00	1,284.34		1,284.34		284.34
5 Railroad Street Construction.....	1,000.00	5,145.67		5,145.67		
6 Town Charges.....	5,650.00	24.73		24.73	529.06	
7 Town Maintenance.....	2,000.00	2,896.42		2,896.42		896.42
8 Trunk Line Construction.....	2,500.00			2,765.23		265.23
9 Trunk Line Maintenance.....	207.75	1,237.00		2,808.26		1,363.51
10 Town's Appropriation.....		2,000.00		1,912.64	87.86	
11 Street Lighting.....		800.00		215.72	1,415.27	
12 Police—Night Watchman.....		750.00		750.00	750.00	398.55
13 Steam Roller.....				487.59		
14 Public Library.....		750.00		678.78		
15 Sidewalk Construction.....		2,000.00		2,340.53		
16 Band Concerts.....		200.00		200.00		
17 Sinking Fund.....		7,000.00		7,000.00		
18 State Aid Maintenance.....						
19 Town's Proportion.....	84.62	200.00		364.80		80.18
20 Gorham Hill Water Extension.....		1,000.00			1,000.00	
21 Cascade Sewer Extension.....		4,000.00			4,000.00	
22 Street Sp. inkling.....		400.00			34.00	
23 School Districts.....		14,344.00		1,218.72	15,562.72	
24 County Tax.....					5,113.33	
25 State Tax.....		6,300.00		1,715.11	6,300.00	
Unappropriated Revenues.....				7,576.29		7,576.29
						\$60,309.44

Report of Selectmen

Number of horses, 192; cows, 186; other neat stock, 8; fowls, 200; hogs, 8; vehicles, 123.

Valuation April 1, 1916.

Real estate.....	\$2,060,950 00
Personal estate.....	1,624,390 00
Total valuation.....	\$3,685,340 00
Soldier's exemption.....	\$6,800 00
Polls	1,344 00
	\$8,144 00

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

DETAIL NO. 1.

Town Officers' Salaries and Expenses.

SALARIES.

Selectmen, W. B. Gates.....	\$350 00
C. B. Norton.....	250 00
E. H. Barrett	200 00
Treasurer, A. E. Leavitt.....	150 00
Clerk, M. M. Willis.....	90 00
Auditors, E. H. Cady.....	5 00
F. R. Jennings.....	5 00
Attorney, A. R. Evans.....	50 00
Tax collector, D. C. Hamlin	413 90

EXPENSES.

Coos Telephone Co.....	9 40
Frederick Ingalls, printing.....	113 35
Twin State Gas and Electric Co.....	6 00
Edson C. Eastman, supplies.....	33 14
W. B. Gates, sundries.....	13 61
W. W. Jewell, team.....	3 50
M. M. Willis, supplies	3 10
Barrett Brothers, supplies.....	3 60
	\$1,699 60

DETAIL NO. 2.

Election and Registration.

Moderator, T. L. Marble.....	\$15 00
Supervisor, P. K. Ross.....	10 00
A. G. Welsh.....	10 00
Harry Hayden.....	10 00
Ballot clerk, A. L. Burbank.....	9 00
J. R. Evans.....	6 00
S. S. Bennett.....	6 00
W. R. Haley	9 00
B. B. Bickford	3 00
W. G. Barrett.....	3 00
Meals, F. E. Goodridge.....	24 00
Ballots, M. M. Willis.....	6 95
Check lists, Frederick Ingalls.....	8 00

	\$119 95

DETAIL NO. 3.

Municipal Court.

H. G. Noyes.....	\$112 41
E. H. Cady.....	18 00
J. B. Casey.....	284 74
George W. Brown.....	15 10

	\$430 25

DETAIL NO. 4.

Care and Supplies for Town Hall and Other Buildings.	
Lights, Twin State Gas and Electric Co...	\$27 43
Rent, Noyes & Evans.....	187 50
Gorham Savings Bank.....	153 00
Supplies, E. Libby & Sons Co.....	3 00
Water and sewer, T. H. McHugh.....	9 00
Labor, F. A. Vincent.....	11 00

	\$390 93

DETAIL NO. 5.

Protection of Persons and Property.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Murdick Graham, salary and meals.....	\$249 82
P. E. Daley, salary and meals.....	681 00
A. M. Heath, special.....	18 00
A. M. Heath, moving cells.....	8 00
Thomas Tremain, special	4 00
Twin State Gas and Electric Co.....	1 40
E. A. Trask, lunches	4 00

M. M. Willis, supplies	\$18 80
	\$985 02

DETAIL NO. 6.

Fire Department.

J. J. Tellington.....	\$18 65
W. J. Perkins.....	17 20
G. L. Eaton.....	3 00
Coos Telephone Co.....	13 10
Boston Woven Hose Co	210 00
Fisk & Harris.....	82 50
Twin State Gas and Electric Co	2 00
A. R. Evans, insurance.....	59 50
E. Libby & Sons Co	6 97
T. H. McHugh, hydrants.....	920 00
Hose and Lad'er Co. No. 1	222 00
Umbagog Hose Co	57 00
H. N. Mills, janitor.....	15 00
C. A. Chandler, team.....	5 00
W. W. Jewell, team.....	20 50
T. S. Spear, labor.....	19 00
A. L. Burbank, fireward.....	10 00
S. S. Bennett, fireward.....	10 00
H. J. Fancy, fireward	10 00
City of Berlin, Cascade.....	33 00
M. M. Willis, supplies.....	6 02
Berlin Fire Department, Opera House	23 10
B. C. Smith & Co., supplies.....	4 20
	\$1,767 74

DETAIL NO. 10.

Health Department.

Henry Marble.....	\$158 27
W. D. Farris.....	36 19
A. M. Heath.....	2 50
J. M. Heath.....	6 25
Frederick Ingalls.....	1 25
Barrett Brothers.....	75
J. A. Fraser.....	7 25
	\$212 46

DETAIL NO. 11.

Vital Statistics.

M. M. Willis.....	\$26 90
G. L. Pressey	1 75
H. H. Bryant	6 25

B. L. Richardson.....	\$ 8 00
E. R. B. McGee.....	1 50
T. C. Pulsifer	3 25
Henry Marble.....	5 00
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	\$52 65

DETAIL NO. 12.

Highways and Bridges.

STATE AID MAINTENANCE.

J. A. Fraser, payroll, May 27.....	\$85 50
" " June 3 and 10.....	278 40
" " June 17.....	178 12
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	\$542 02

DETAIL NO. 13.

Trunk Line Maintenance.

J. A. Fraser, payroll April 17	\$19 50
" April 22 and 29.....	66 10
" May 20 and 27	52 00
" June 10	143 51
" June 17 and 24	738 17
" July 1 and 8.....	1,284 74
" July 15 and 22.....	1,305 27
" July 29 and Aug. 6..	700 53
" Aug. 12 and 19.....	208 20
" Aug. 26 and Sept. 2.	730 36
" Sept. 8, 16 and 29...	436 41
" Sept. 23 and 30	267 35
" Oct. 14	69 00
" Nov. 13.....	45 75
A. L. Burbank, patrolman, payroll, June 30	171 13
" Jul. 21	53 22
" Aug 10	61 85
" Sept 9	86 55
" Sept 30	78 00
" Oct. 21	59 50
" Nov 11	17 00
Standard Oil Co	144 49
Frederick Ingalls, signs	2 00
E. Libby & Sons Co	26 78

DETAIL NO. 14

Town Maintenance

W. W. Jewell, payroll..... \$113 75

TOWN OF GORHAM, N. H.

J. A. Fraser, payroll, Mch. 15	\$21 00
" Mch. 25	31 50
" Apr. 1.....	32 00
" Apr. 1.....	57 37
" Apr. 17.....	65 71
" Apr. 29.....	95 00
" May 6 and 13	391 86
" May 20 and 27	489 16
" June 3 and 10	371 91
" Aug. 22.....	132 17
" Oct. 14.....	217 32
" Nov. 14.....	51 25
" Dec. 18.....	55 38
" Dec. 27.....	67 89
" Jan. 12.....	33 65
" Jan. 23.....	70 13
" Feb. 7.....	54 75
" Feb. 7.....	23 75
Salary	150 00

	\$2,411 80
C. G. Hamlin, supplies	\$6 85
M. M. Willis.....	60 17
E. Libby & Sons Co.....	177 03
T. H. McHugh, fountain.....	25 00
stand pipes.....	40 00
John Baker, Jr., oiling streets.....	236 25
J. A. Fraser, sprinkling	326 00

	\$985 05
DETAIL NO. 16.	
J. A. Fraser.....	\$31 00
D. A. Graham, painting	2 50
E. M. Cross, repairs.....	18 32
J. A. Fraser, liability insurance.....	50 00

	\$101 82
DETAIL NO. 22.	
Parks and Playgrounds.	
Paul King, repairs.....	\$19 55
J. J. Tellington, repairs	75 71
S. D. Wilson, labor.....	4 75
F. R. Jennings, rent.....	5 00
Berlin Band.....	8 80
E. Libby & Sons Co	12 70
Henry Simpson.....	2 00
C. A. Chandler	13 00

	\$141 51

DETAIL NO. 32.

Highways and Bridges, Trunk Line Construction.

W. F. Brackett, contract Berlin road	\$6,218 76
J. A. Fraser, payroll, June 10	180 00
" June 17 and 24	630 83
" July 1 and 8	749 55
" July 15 and 22	914 81
" July 29, Aug. 6	898 48
" Aug. 12 and 19	786 68
" Sept. 23	56 10
E. Libby & Sons Co., supplies	54 30
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	\$10,489 51

DETAIL NO. 33.

Town Construction.

GORHAM HILL ROAD.

J. A. Fraser, payroll, May 29	\$22 50
" June 10	306 50
" June 17	104 00
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	\$433 00

RAILROAD STREET.

J. A. Fraser, payroll, May 15	\$500 83
" May 27	700 55
" June 3	71 33
S. D. Wilson, engineer	11 63
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	\$1,284 34
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	\$1,717 34

DETAIL NO. 36.

New Equipment.

Road machine	\$147 00
Steam roller	750 00
New accounting system	342 00
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	\$1,239 00

Respectfully submitted.

W. B. GATES,
 C. B. NORTON,
 E. H. BARRETT,

Selectmen of Gorham.

Report of Treasurer

Receipts.

Balance on hand February 15, 1916.....	\$14,500 52
Received from all sources.....	101,071 22
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	\$115,571 74

Payments.

Paid out on orders of selectmen.....	\$87,374 02
Balance on hand, including \$78.00 dog tax.....	28,197 72
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	\$115,571 74

Respectfully submitted.

A. E. LEAVITT, Treasurer.

Gorham, N. H., February 15, 1917.

Report of Water and Sewer Commission

Receipts.

Cash on hand, February 15, 1916.....	\$225 23
Revenue from water rents.....	3,751 00
Revenue from sewer rents.....	167 83
Labor and material.....	217 20
Interest on bonds owned by town	720 00
Interest on sinking fund.....	116 82
Appropriation	500 00
	\$5,698 08

Payments.

Labor for water system	\$1,012 17
Material for water system.....	852 21
Labor for sewer system	43 37
Material for sewer system.....	1 75
Salaries and expenses of commission.....	845 66
Insurance	26 13
Undistributed	146 95
Interest on outstanding bonds	2,400 00
Equipment	199 18
	\$5,527 42
Balance unexpeneed, February 15, 1917	\$170 66

Cost of Installing Water System.

Installing pipe line.....	\$53,156 22
Installing service and maintenance to Feb. 15, 1917	22,015 63
Total cost of system.....	\$75,171 85

Cost of Installing Sewer System.

Installing and maintenance to February 15, 1916	\$19,170 08
Installing and maintenance to February 15, 1917	45 12
Total cost of system	\$19,215 20

Revenue of Water and Sewer Systems.

Revenue to February 15, 1916.....	\$32,424 69
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Revenue for year ending February 15, 1917	\$4,972 85
Total revenue	\$37,397 54

Stock on Hand.

Stock on hand, February 15, 1916	\$260 97
Stock on hand, February 15, 1917	513 80

Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS H. McHUGH,

Treasurer Water and Sewer Commission.

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Gorham, N. H., on February 15, 1917.

Date of creation.	How invested.	State character and rate of return for each investment. State also if funds were "borrowed" or used for city or town purposes," and indicate whether notes have been used as required by chapter 162, laws of 1915.	Amount of principal.	Rate of interest on principal.	Balance of income on hand at beginning of year.	Income during year.	Expended during year.	Balance of income on hand at end of year.
Nov. 29, 1901	Thomas Gifford	Cemetery fund	Deposit in Gorham Savings Bank	\$135.00	4		\$5.49	\$5.49
June 25, 1913	Amanda Day	"	"	100.00	4		4.08	4.08
Nov. 4, 1915	Oliver B. Frank	"	"	25.00	4		1.01	1.01
March 25, 1915	Rev. J. E. Emerson	"	"	84.00	4		2.70	2.70
April 7, 1913	Pearson G. Evans	"	"	50.00	4		3.06	\$3.06
June 22, 1910	Rita M. Twitchell	"	"	500.00	4	\$3.33	20.62	6.00
Oct. 13, 1905	Frank	"	"	100.00	4		4.08	4.08
Jan. 8, 1915	George H. Hersey	"	"	55.00	4		2.24	2.24
July 1, 1916	Ann Lary	"	"	100.00	4	3.02	4.16	7.18
				4,000.00	4		40.00	40.00

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.
February 15, 1917.

BERTRAM C. SMITH,
THOMAS E. MALLOY,
ELISHA H. CADY,
Trustees.

Report of Collector

Assessment for 1916.....	\$60,309 48
Special assessments and interest.....	169 04
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Total amount to collect.....	\$60,478 52
Collected on 1916 tax.....	\$58,526 76
Abatements.....	176 00
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	\$58,702 76
Total uncollected for 1916.....	\$1,775 76

Respectfully submitted.

D. C. HAMLIN, Collector.

Gorham, N. H., February 20, 1917.

Municipal Court for the Town of Gorham

Report of Justice.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Gorham:

I hereby beg to submit a report for the municipal court of the Town of Gorham, from February 16, 1916, to February 15, 1917, inclusive.

Arrests have been made for the following offenses:

Assault	4
Disorderly conduct	2
Drunk	129
Keeping for sale	3
Larceny	2
Noise and brawl	2
Operating auto under influence of liquor	2
Overspeeding	2
Violation of fish and game laws	2
	148

The above cases were disposed of as follows:

Appealed	2
Bound over	1
Committed	15
Continued	1
Discharged	2
Dismissed	1
Fines paid town in whole or in part	61
Fines paid state	5
Placed on file	2
Sentence suspended during absence from town	1
Sentence suspended for payment	57
	148

Net amount received for fines and costs

\$215 72

Net amount paid to treasurer for the town of Gorham

215 72

H. G. NOYES, Justice.

Gorham Public Library

FINANCIAL REPORT

Year Ending February 15, 1917.

Receipts.

Unexpended 1915 appropriation.....	\$449 59
Appropriation	750 00
Fines:.....	38 00
Total.....	\$1,237 59

Payments.

Librarian.....	\$93 00
Supplies, freight, cartage.....	33 29
Rent	200 00
Light	12 13
Books	259 33
Periodicals.....	41 80
Equipment.....	16 98
Insurance	19 75
Cleaning.....	2 50
	\$678 78
Unexpended balance.....	\$558 81

The Care of Books.

The assistance of patrons is solicited in the proper care of the books borrowed from the library. New and popular fiction is in constant circulation and we expect a normal amount of wear and tear, but we are convinced that many of our books do not receive the careful treatment that is due the library and the town. We can, with impunity, ask children to take good care of the books, but it ought not to be necessary with adults. We are confronted with the fact, however, that juvenile fiction receives less hard wear than the adult. Three months' circulation of a volume of popular fiction makes it look like an old book, six months' sends it to the bindery.

The cost of rebinding and all repairing materials has increased. The price of books has not advanced, but an inferior grade of paper

is being used by many publishers, which makes the need of careful handling all the more imperative.

If it pleases you to handle a clean, whole, attractive book, please assist us in keeping it so. Create in your own and your neighbor's mind an appreciation of the author's thought, of the mental and physical labor he has put into his book, the time and energy represented in the making of the paper, the illustrations, and the binding of the volume; give it proper respect for the pleasure it has given you, and consider for a moment that money put into the re-binding of a book you have read cannot go for the purchase of books you would like to read.

Respectfully submitted.

HARRIET F. MARBLE,
GEO. L. PRESSEY,
HENRY M. BERWICK,

Trustees.

Auditors' Report

This is to certify that we have examined the accounts of the selectmen, town treasurer, library trustees and treasurer of the Gorham water and sewer commission and find them correct.

E. H. CADY,
F. R. JENNINGS,

Auditors.

Gorham, N. H., February 23, 1917.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL OFFICIALS
OF THE TOWN OF
Gorham, N. H.
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15
1917

By the School Board, Treasurer, Auditors, Superintendent, Headmaster and Supervisor of Music.

GORHAM, N. H. :
OLD MOUNTAINEER PRESS.
1917.

Officers

School Board.

ELISHA H. CADY,

THOMAS L. MARBLE,

JESSE F. LIBBY.

Treasurer.

A. E. LEAVITT.

Clerk.

M. M. WILLIS.

Moderator.

HENRY MARBLE.

Auditors.

HENRY MARBLE,

F. R. JENNINGS.

Superintendent.

J. E. WIGNOT.

Truant Officer.

P. E. DALEY.

State of New Hampshire

{ L. S. } To the inhabitants of the School District of Gorham
qualified to vote in district affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the High School Room in Gorham, in said district, on Wednesday, the 14th day of March, 1917, at 7.30 o'clock in the evening, to act upon the following subjects, viz:

1. To choose a moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year.
4. To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing three years.
5. To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise to pay on the indebtedness of said district.
6. To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise for school purposes in addition to the sum which the town is required to raise by law.
7. To see if the district will vote to reconsider and rescind its vote passed at the last annual meeting whereby the school board was authorized to move the schoolhouse in the Heath District, so called, to near the first bridge on the road leading from the main road to said district near the Berry house.
8. To see if the district will authorize the school board to sell and convey the schoolhouse property in the Heath District, so called, and use the money so obtained together with such other sum as may be necessary in the purchase of a more convenient lot and the construction of a new school building thereon.
9. To see if the district will vote to authorize the school board to select and purchase a lot and to build a suitable school building on said lot in the Heath District, so called, and raise and appropriate money for same.
10. To see if the district will vote to purchase or otherwise acquire a lot of land at Cascades on which to build a schoolhouse, said lot to be so located as to best accommodate all sections of Cascade Village, and erect thereon a school building sufficient for the accommodation of the school population of said Cascades and to furnish and equip the same; to provide money for the same by borrowing a sufficient amount upon its notes, bonds or other obligations;

and choose such committees, officers or agents as may be necessary or convenient to carry out any vote that may be passed under this article.

11. To see if the district will authorize the school board to sell and convey by a good and sufficient deed of said district, the two schoolhouses, now located at Cascades, at such time and in such manner as may seem advisable to the board and at such price as they may be able to obtain and to use the money so obtained towards the building and equipment of the schoolhouse provided for in article nine.

12. To see if the district will authorize the school board, at the expense of the district, to furnish transportation of pupils on the electric road living easterly of Hannaford's Corner and attending the Ann Lary and High School Building schools, and define and fix the limit of distance from said schools at which such transportation shall be furnished.

13. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers heretofore chosen or appointed and pass any vote relating thereto.

14. To choose agents, auditors and committees in relation to any subject embraced in the warrant.

15. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Gorham, this 21st day of February, 1917.

ELISHA H. CADY,
THOMAS L. MARBLE,
JESSE F. LIBBY,

School Board of Gorham.

A true copy—attest:

ELISHA H. CADY,
THOMAS L. MARBLE,
JESSE F. LIBBY,

School Board of Gorham.

Report of School Board

To the voters and inhabitants of the school district of Gorham,
New Hampshire:

The school board herewith submits its annual report for the year
ending February 15, 1917.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

REVENUE.

Balance on hand, February 15, 1916.....	\$1,954 64
Amount voted by town, school purposes.....	6,300 00
Amount voted by district, school purposes	6,000 00
Amount assessed for books, supplies, etc.....	1,224 00
Amount raised for interest	820 00
State allowance for superintendent's salary.....	800 00
Literary fund	359 49
Insurance of Cascade buildings	200 00
Town of Shelburne, proportion superintendent's salary	200 00
Tuition.....	100 00
Town of Randolph, account superintendent's salary	100 00
Dog licenses.....	56 30
Sale of books.....	30 20
Bequest of Ann Lary.....	12,000 00
Interest on Ann Lary bequest	51 56
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	\$30,196 19

ORDINARY CURRENT EXPENSES.

Administration.

Salaries of school board.....	\$200 00
Salaries of other district officers	39 00
Superintendent's salary.....	2,000 00
Truant officer and school census.....	120 00
Printing school report	48 00
Blanks, cards, record sheets, etc.....	60 00
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	\$2,467 00

Instruction.

Principal's and grade teachers' salaries	\$7,679 04
Domestic science teacher's salary.....	474 26
Music teacher's salary.....	182 50

Textbooks.....	\$639 87
Music	20 36
Pupils' supplies.....	444 87
Reference books and apparatus.....	112 84
Graduation expenses.....	55 32
Express, freight, etc	16 01
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	\$9,625 07

Operation.

Janitor service	\$967 16
Fuel.....	1,186 36
Water.....	60 00
Light	23 23
Building and janitors' supplies.....	35 36
Repairs	682 71
Replacement	25 58
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	\$2,980 40

Auxiliary Agencies.

Transportation of pupils.....	\$680 00
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Fixed Charges.

Insurance	\$168 38
Extraordinary Outlay for Construction and Equipment.	
Indebtedness	\$12,000 00
Interest on indebtedness.....	806 67
New building.....	248 00
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	\$13,054 67

Recapitulation.

REVENUE.

Total revenue	\$30,196 19
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EXPENDITURES.

Administration.....	\$2,467 00
Instruction.....	9,625 07
Operation.....	2,980 40
Auxiliary agencies.....	680 00
Fixed charges.....	168 38
Extraordinary outlay.....	13,054 67
Balance in treasury	1,220 67
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	\$30,196 19

Liabilities.

NOTES.

(Interest paid to February 15, 1917.)

W. D. Morse.....	\$6,000 00
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A. N. Twitchell	\$2,500 00
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	\$8,500 00

Respectfully submitted.

ELISHA H. CADY,
THOMAS L. MARBLE,
JESSE F. LIBBY,

School Board.

We certify that we have this day examined the above accounts of the school board and find them correct.

HENRY MARBLE,
F. R. JENNINGS,

Auditors.

Gorham, N. H., February 20, 1917.

Requisition

In accordance with Section 1 of Chapter 52 of the New Hampshire laws of 1909, the school board makes the following estimate of the sums of money required during the ensuing fiscal year for the following purposes:

Text books.....	\$600 00
Scholars' supplies	800 00
Salaries.....	239 00
Truancy.....	160 00
Flags and appurtenances	25 00
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	\$1,824 00

We respectfully request the selectmen of the town of Gorham, N. H., in their next annual assessment to assess upon the taxable polls and property of the district a sum sufficient to meet the above mentioned requirement and when collected to pay the same over to the district treasurer.

Respectfully submitted.

E. H. CADY,
T. L. MARBLE,
J. F. LIBBY,

School Board.

Gorham, N. H., February 15, 1917.

Report of Treasurer of School Board

Receipts.

Amount on hand, February 15, 1916.....	\$1,954 64
Received from all sources.....	28,244 48
	<hr/> \$30,199 12

Orders Paid.

Paid out on School Board orders	\$28,978 45
Balance on hand.....	1,220 67
	<hr/> \$30,199 12

A. E. LEAVITT, Treasurer.

Report of the Superintendent

To the School Committee:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to submit to you my third annual report together with the report of the Headmaster and that of the Supervisor of Music.

The State Program of Studies for Elementary Schools.

[Edition of 1916.]

Two years ago I said in my report, in substance, that a Program of Studies and the realization of the same in the teaching, is the first duty of a Superintendent of Schools. At that time the State Program was adopted and has since formed the basis of instruction in our schools. Since then a new Program has been issued by the Department of Public Instruction differing radically in two points from the former Program. The difference is essentially this (I quote from latest Program itself): "First, the pedagogy as set forth in the several chapters, has been carefully scrutinized and revised, especially in the light of investigations carried on under the conditions of research in the last five years. . . . Second, the outline of work has been changed so as to make possible the organization of the schools on a basis of six grades in the elementary school and six grades of what has hitherto been considered the secondary school." A great advance in the pedagogy of the latter Program over the old Program was apparent and was promptly utilized. I have hesitated to advocate adopting the provisions of the six grade elementary school feature. The question is still an unsettled one and is likely to remain so for some time. It involves the "Junior High School," the "Practical Arts" studies, the status of Latin and other traditional subjects of the high school curricula: in fact, a sweeping, educational taking of account of stock. To go into a discussion of all that this involves would take me far beyond the reasonable limits of space in a report of this kind. I have kept pretty thoroughly in touch with the views upon these matters expressed by educators in our own state and with the writings of many men from other states, and especially from Columbia University. I have watched the trying out of experiments along these lines in other places. My conclusions are as follows:

1. That departmental teaching would be advisable in the 7th and 8th grades and that French and Latin and Elementary Science might profitably be included in the studies of these grades.

2. That arithmetic and geography should be carried on throughout the eight grades as well as history, physiology and literature.
3. That a school Savings Bank should be one of our school activities.
4. That Latin is one of the most profitable studies in the high school.
5. That the "deformalization" of school work constitutes the most notable advance in education in modern times.

Some changes along these lines have been made and others may be expected to take place in our schools in the near future. My personal opinion in regard to the modern, practical school subjects, which make for the material welfare of the people, is that they are valuable, and that a place should be made for them in our education. On the other hand, I do not believe in throwing overboard the traditional school subjects which have produced the leaders of thought today in all activities that make for human welfare it its highest and finest features. This movement to "modernize" education has been growing slowly for a generation until of late years it may fairly be said to have developed into a veritable educational revolution. Its purpose is to so reorganize both elementary and secondary school courses as to root out "dead wood" and secure an education "that shall educate." The educational value of subjects like Latin, Greek, Algebra and Geometry have been called in question. It is demanded that they justify themselves and their right to a place in the Program of Studies. Experimental psychology claims to have proved the worthlessness of the theory of "formal discipline," that studies which have no particular practical value but which merely "discipline" or "train" the mind have little or no educational value.

A Word for New School Buildings.

That the people of Gorham have been and are now active beyond most towns in the things which make for civic betterment is unquestionably true. We have well made and well kept roads, fine bridges, and a goodly length of cement sidewalks. There are sewer, water and lighting systems the equal of the best city systems. The Village Improvement Society has made notable improvements on the Common where we have all enjoyed the excellent band concerts. There is a large and admirably conducted Woman's Club. A very efficient Budget Committee is rendering service of inestimable value to the town. All these activities are giving to the town a name for progress and a spirit of practical idealism among the people. At the same time they emphasize and make more conspicuous, by contrast, the existing shabby condition of our school buildings. There is urgent need of a new building at the Cascade, of some remodelling and repairing of the out-buildings at the Upper Village, of the removal of the present building at the Heath District to a site that would serve the interests of the peo-

ple better, or the erection of a new building there, and a new high school must be counted a problem of the near future. It seems to me that the time is indeed pressing for the town to take in hand the work of building new schoolhouses. Where to begin the campaign is a question for the district to determine. I suggest that it be begun where the need is greatest, namely, at the Cascade.

Special Mention of Notable Progress.

I feel that special mention should be made of the notable progress brought about in the work of the Domestic Arts department. The equipment, the organization of the work, and the teaching, have shown great improvement over that of last year. Of course, this should be expected in a new subject only a year old. Nevertheless, this should not detract from the praise due Miss Keaney for the excellent work of her department this year.

Mrs. Berwick will tell her own story of the work in music since she took charge of it. However, I feel that it would be unappreciative not to make special mention of the progress and improvement she has accomplished. I do not wish in any way to minimize the excellence of the work in music in former years. It was of a high order as music is being taught in the public schools. I mean simply that Mrs. Berwick has gone beyond this. The pupils are getting a real musical education as well as learning to sing. The Victrola in her hands is doing wonders for the children, not only because it is pleasing and entertaining, but because it is furnishing them expert instruction in musical appreciation.

The teaching in the high school has shown a marked improvement over anything I have seen there before. This has been due in a large measure to the employment of an additional teacher. Mr. Matthews has conducted the school with better success as regards discipline than has been the case for the previous two years. This question has always been one of primary importance in any teacher's success in school work. The pendulum has seemed to swing from wholesale repression of legitimate and illegitimate impulses alike to wholesale expression of all impulses whatsoever. It is a pleasure to see a well balanced, self-contained, well governed student body capable of a reasonable measure of self control. The school has been placed on the approved list of high schools by Dartmouth College.

The entire corps of teachers is deserving of praise for the year of work well done. Not one has failed to adopt suggestions and carry out improvements at many points. I am sure that all are better teachers today than they have ever been before.

Professional Reading for Teachers.

I require that teachers read one book each term of professional matter. Every teacher has a copy of the List of Professional Reading for teachers published by the Department of Public In-

struction and a List of Books Available at the State Library at Concord. The books from the state library are available on the payment of the necessary postage for transportation. Our teachers, as a rule, read three or four books each term. No other one force making for better teaching and better teachers equals this. Whether for the educational advancement of teachers or pupils, the greatest single means of acquiring the same has always been, and always will be, "The Printed Page." I consider it an essential to the continued success of any teacher that she be a diligent and constant student of the literature of her profession.

Teachers' Meetings.

These were held nearly every week throughout the year. They have not been the occasion for oratory or speechmaking of any sort, but have been the time for the plain talks on matters covering the whole range of school activities. It is above all the occasion for the superintendent to act the part of a superintendent in bringing before the assembled body of teachers the thousand and one matters springing directly from his visits of inspection in the schoolrooms. Clean rooms, better methods of teaching, selection of text books, care of school property, how to secure good discipline, care and display of flags, are samples of the variety of topics discussed. These meetings are essentially a time for "tending to the business" of what is included under the head of "supervision." They effectively prevent that utter neglect of schools so common in rural communities where there is no superintendent.

Proceeds of a Candy Sale.

Candy sales, being an investment assuring quick, easy and certain financial returns, have for years been a ready means of raising small sums of money, usually devoted to defray expenses of graduation among the high school pupils. This particular sale was not of that sort. It was managed by the pupils of the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades. First, the proceeds were, "in money," about \$20. Next, this money bought subscriptions to the following magazines: Mentor, Good Housekeeping, St. Nicholas, Popular Mechanics, Boy's Life, National Geographic, Story Tellers, American Boy, John Martin's Book, and the Literary Digest. Finally, the reading of these pages must surely have brought to these boys and girls returns in this form: a love of good reading, a keener interest in human affairs, healthy mental and moral stimuli, in short—real education. These boys and girls may truly be said to have taken an important step in "self education."

Children of America's Fund.

Undoubtedly one of the most valuable lessons taught this year is a result of the great war in Europe. Our school children have re-

sponded nobly to the appeal of the little sufferers across the water. It is not a large sum that is given, but the lesson in self sacrifice and sympathy amounts to much. Between five and six dollars a month is pledged for "as long as the war lasts" and is being regularly sent to the treasurer of The Children of America's Fund.

Entering the First Grade.

Children must be five years six months of age at the date on which school begins in September in order to be admitted to the first grade. Children who are under this age at the beginning of school will not be admitted until the following September.

It is further required that all children who attend the public schools shall be vaccinated, or present a proper certificate to the Health Officer stating they are unfit subjects for vaccination.

Absence and Tardiness.

	1913	1914	1915	1916
Whole number of pupils registered....	460	504	432	531
Boys	231	249	220	252
Girls	229	255	212	279
Per cent of attendance	92	94	96	93
Number of cases of tardiness.....	389	519	928	753

The state law makes compulsory the attendance of children at school, all the time such school is in session, between the ages of 8 and 16. If the course of study for the elementary schools is completed at the age of 14, attendance beyond this age is not required. The per cent of attendance for the year 1916 was 93. It is doubtful if this high mark can be improved upon to any appreciable extent. Sickness, bad weather, and other legitimate causes will always operate to reduce the per cent of attendance to somewhere near 90. A rate of 90 or over is pretty good evidence that the teachers and truant officer have done their whole duty in the fulfillment of the provisions of the law.

There were last year 753 cases of tardiness. This figure is altogether too high. An examination of the registers shows that a comparatively small group of pupils is responsible for this. The great majority of pupils are in school on time regularly. A small number are habitually tardy. I have personally inquired into a great many cases and find that the following reasons cover most of them: (1) the clock was slow; (2) breakfast wasn't ready on time; (3) had to run an errand for my mother. Manifestly it is a pretty hard matter for teachers or pupils to prevent tardiness due to the above causes. We will all agree that the "habit" of being late is no light matter, and that the baleful influences thereof in the lives of any of us are liable to be far-reaching.

Promotion, Retardation and Loss.

GRADE.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Number of pupils promoted to next grade during or at the end of the school year..	48	42	42	39	43	27	28	27
Number of pupils in grade at the end of year not promoted.....	17	8	5	2	2	5	1	3
Number of pupils in grade at the end of year who have been there two years..	9	0	4	1	1	0	3	0
Number of pupils in grades 1 and 2 who are over ten years of age	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of pupils who have left school and whose school life has presumably ended	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	3
Average age of class at the beginning of school year.....	6½	7	9	10	11	12	13	14

Undoubtedly it is an advantage to any school district when the population is compact enough to allow consolidation of schools and admit a graded system of advancement of pupils according to attainment; but, on the other hand, such an arrangement has this very serious disadvantage: the unusually bright pupils are held back, and the backward pupils are not given the special training they need. The ordinary "grade" of scholars is found to consist of three natural divisions: 1, a small group of the intellectually "gifted;" 2, a large group of average children; 3, a small group of mentally deficient or backward children. Under the usual system of promotion those members of the grade in group (1) are compelled to waste a considerable portion of their time, while those in group (3) fall behind, two years in this grade and three years in that, until they finally drop out and disappear from school. Manifestly the extremely bright and the extremely dull pupils are not making the most of themselves. The plan of grouping the dull pupils from all grades into an ungraded schoolroom under a special teacher has been tried out in some towns with fine results. This would mean the fitting up of another room and the hiring of an additional teacher. The cost would be in the neighborhood of \$500 a year.

The School Day.

Morning.	No school signal.	No school signal.
Grades 5 to 8 and the high school.....	8.15 to 12.00	7.15
Grades 4 and 3	9.00 to 11.15	8.00
Grades 2 and 1	9.00 to 11.00	8.00
		1.30 to 2.45
		1.00 to 3.15
		1.00 to 3.00
		12.30
		12.00
		12.00

No School Signal.

The signal will be the "all out" blown by the fire whistle three times, or, in other words, "three two's."

High School Enrollment on January 25, 1917.

	No. in class at beginning of year.	No. of repeaters.	No. promoted to present class last June.	No. left school.	No. in class at present.
Freshmen	38	3	35	4	34
Soph	18	1	17	0	18
Junior.....	15	0	15	0	15
Senior.....	14	0	14	0	14
Totals.....	85	4	81	4	81

Directory.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Name.	Education.	Experience.
John O. Matthews, headmaster, Tufts College 1907, South Hanson, Mass., 1 year, Troy, N. H., 2 years, Berlin, N. H., 3 years, Gorham, 1 year.		
Herbert V. Marsh, science, Massachusetts Agricultural College 1915, Gorham, 1 year.		
Esther H. Chase, French, Ohio Wesleyan University, Massachusetts Agricultural College 1916, Gorham, 1 year.		
Dorothy H. Berry, English, Radcliffe 1914, N. E. Civics Institute, 1 year, Fisk Teachers' Agency, 1 year, Gorham, 1 year.		
Elinor A. Keaney, domestic arts, Framingham Normal 1915, Tewksbury State Infirmary, 1 year, Gorham, 1 year.		
Florence C. Berwick, music, New England Conservatory, Boston, Grand Conservatory, N. Y., Gorham, 1 year.		

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Name.	Education.	Experience.
Mary A. Martin, grade 8, Gorham Normal 1916, Caribou, 2 years, Washburn, 1 year, Liberty, 1 year, Gorham, 1 year.		
Gladys A. Young, grade 7, Gorham Normal 1914, North Conway, 1 year, Gorham, 2 years.		
Ruth E. Wight, grade 6, Gorham Normal 1914, Gorham, 3 years.		
Ethel A. Wheeler, grade 5, Alabama Girls' Technical Institute 1915, Gorham, 2 years.		
Eva A. Penfold, grade 4, New Hampshire State Certificate, Bloomfield, Vt., 1 term, Gilead, Me., 2 terms, Gorham, 20 years.		
Elisabeth Brooks, grade 3, Plymouth Normal 1908, Maidstone, Vt., 1 term, Brunswick, Vt., 2 terms, Gorham, 9 years.		
Margaret L. Baldwin, grade 2, Plymouth Normal 1915, Gorham, 2 years.		

Persis A. Hill, grade 1, Plymouth Normal 1916, Randolph, 1 year, Gorham 1 year.

Theo Morse, assistant grade 1, Gorham High 1914, Gorham, 1 year.

Mary E. Douglas, New Hampshire State Certificate, Maine, 7 years, Gorham, 4 years.

Mary C. Ogle, Gorham High 1912, Gorham, 5 years.

Gladys A. Hogan, Gorham High 1914, Gorham, 3 years.

Annie Ogle, Gorham High, Gorham, 1 year.

Ruth Wild Cair¹, Berlin High, Plymouth Normal 1 term, Stewartstown, 1 year, Randolph, 2 years, Gorham, 1 year.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

J. E. Wignot, Bowdoin College 1899, Medway, Mass., 1 year, Thetford, Vt., 1 year, Milton Mills, N. H., 3 years, Wellfleet, Mass., 3 years, Salem, N. H., 5 years, Putnam, Conn., 1 year, Greenwich, Conn., 1 year, Gorham, 3 years.

Roll of Honor.

The following pupils have been neither absent nor tardy during the whole year 1915 to 1916.

High School—Hazen Augherton, Vera B. Barnett, Dallas Forbush, Mona R. Coffin, Kathryn Rix.

8th Grade—Hazel Heath, Marjorie Izatt, Stephen Emery.

7th Grade—Julia Noyes, Elsie Garland.

6th Grade—Henry Irvelle Trask.

5th Grade—Geneva Culhane.

4th Grade—None.

3rd Grade—Vera Libby.

2nd Grade—None.

1st Grade—None.

Upper Village—None.

Cascade Grammar—None.

Cascade Primary—None.

Cascade Riverside—Joseph Lemieux, Cathleen McCarthy.

Heath District—None.

Gorham Hill—None.

Calendar for the Year 1916-1917.

Fall term, 14 weeks, September 11 to December 15, 1916.

Winter term, 12 weeks, January 2, 1917, to March 23, 1917.

Spring term, 10 weeks, April 2, 1917, to June 8, 1917.

HOLIDAYS.

Thanksgiving Day, February 22, Fast Day, May 30.

I think it would be an extremely wise proceeding for parents to

come to the high school building toward the close of the summer vacation to confer with the Headmaster concerning courses to be elected by students about to enter the high school. Frequently no thought is given to this important matter and frequent changes are requested which must necessarily be refused. I designate Saturday, September 8, as a day for such conference with the Headmaster, and urge all parents, who may be in doubt as to the particular course they wish their children to pursue, to be present in the high school building on that day at 9 a. m. The high school Program of Studies is printed in this report.

Respectfully submitted.

J. E. WIGNOT, Superintendent of Schools.

Report of the Headmaster

To Superintendent J. E. Wignot:

I herewith submit to you my first annual report of the Gorham High School.

School opened with an enrollment of eighty-five, an increase of eleven over that of the previous year. The present enrollment is eighty, showing a loss of five pupils since September. The explanation of this loss is that two of the pupils left town, two were obliged to go to work and one left for the purpose of attending business college.

The present distribution of the pupils in the four classes is as follows: Seniors, fourteen; juniors, fifteen; sophomores, eighteen and freshmen, thirty-three.

In regard to the changes which have been brought about this year, I will quote what I wrote for the last issue of the school magazine:

"Three changes have been brought about in the high school this year which merit special attention. These are: The addition of a teacher to the staff, the lengthening of the recitation periods from thirty to forty minutes each, and the division of the school day into two sessions.

"The addition of another member to the high school staff makes it possible for each teacher to confine his or her work to two subjects and unnecessary for each to teach more than six periods daily. Formerly each teacher taught, for eight successive periods, classes in several different subjects.

"The reason for lengthening the recitation periods from thirty-five to forty minutes was that the extra time seemed necessary in order to accomplish in a more thorough manner the work which the state requires of all approved secondary schools. It may be well to state here that since this change has been made, Dartmouth college has placed Gorham High School on its approved list and will now admit graduates of G. H. S. on certificate.

"The change from one to two sessions was effected in order that there might be a break somewhere in the session of seven forty-minute periods; that the pupils might be back at school in the afternoon for supervised study and make-up work and that both schools might begin and close simultaneously, thus eliminating the confusion which unavoidably obtained when the pupils of the ele-

mentary and high schools entered and left the building at different times.

"These changes which the hiring of an additional teacher made possible show that Gorham is unwilling to remain stationary in matters pertaining to the betterment of its schools, but is eager to keep abreast of all other progressive communities in this respect. It is sincerely hoped that the new arrangements will result in more efficient work in Gorham High School on the part of both teachers and pupils."

Sixty-eight per cent of the girls in the high school are taking the regular four year course in domestic arts. This percentage is very high when compared with the percentage of girls in other high schools of the state who are pursuing similar courses. The domestic arts course has not only a practical, but a very high educational value and it should be a matter of great satisfaction to the townspeople that so many of their daughters are availing themselves of the opportunities presented to them in this department of high school work.

In connection with the domestic arts work I might mention that the freshman girls prepare and serve hot cocoa and soup to pupils of the Mechanic Street School who bring their luncheon. Just enough is charged to cover the expense of the materials used. On an average eighteen pupils gladly take advantage of this service daily.

Although the high school opened this year with an entirely new teaching staff very little time was lost by either teachers or pupils in adapting themselves to new conditions and from the beginning a spirit of hearty cooperation, on the whole, has prevailed.

That the scholarship of the school is gradually improving is shown by the fact that the percentage of failures in one or more subjects is decreasing month by month. Records further show that a majority of the pupils failing in their studies are those who are somewhat irregular in attendance. As good work can be done by those only who attend school regularly, I trust that the parents will see to it that their children are not absent except when it is unavoidable.

In athletics the boys have given a good account of themselves, not only by winning three out of the five football games played, but by exhibiting in each contest a true sportsmanlike spirit. A large share of the credit for such a successful season belongs to Mr. Marsh, our Science teacher, who so efficiently coached the team.

A keen interest in Dramatics has been manifested by the pupils and a school play is soon to be presented.

I wish here to thank you for your many helpful suggestions and for the support you have accorded me, thereby assisting me greatly in the administration of the school.

I take this occasion, also, to express to both high school and grade teachers, pupils, members of the school board and citizens of the town my appreciation of the spirit of interest and co-operation, which they have manifested in various ways.

Parents and others interested in our school are cordially invited to visit us often and become better acquainted with the teachers, their work and with the school in general.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN O. MATTHEWS, Headmaster.

Gorham, N. H., February 1, 1917.

Report of the Supervisor of Music

To Mr. J. E. Wignot, Superintendent of Schools, Gorham, N. H.

Dear sir: Inasmuch as I have been supervisor of music in the schools only a short time, my report which I submit to you will be a report of the musical work that is being done at the present time, and of what I hope to see accomplished in the future. It is my intention to carry out, as far as possible, the musical program for the schools as outlined by the state. At the same time there have been a few changes made, such as the making of music in the schools a systematic and regular study by which written work is required once a week by all pupils from third grade up, and ranked accordingly in the same manner as other studies. Another feature which I would like to see introduced in all grades is the victrola. I cannot emphasize too strongly the value that would be received, not only from an educational standpoint, but as an aid to the pupils' inspiration and imagination. It would also help in more ways than one to cultivate the taste for good music, thus destroying the desire for the cheap popular music which is so prevalent among the young people today. Over two thousand (2000) schools in the United States are making use of the victrola. It is now considered as much of a necessity in the equipment of a school as its maps, books and dictionaries. Children should know the music of the world as well as its poetry, literature, history and art. We already have the victrola in the high school, and much interest and enthusiasm has been manifested by the pupils, an interest that has been felt in the other grades and caused many a child to ask, "Why can't our grade have a victrola?" In fact, the interest was so great in the fifth grade, that each child recently earned five cents with which a victrola record was purchased, the children remaining after school for a "concert" and short musical talk in which, not only their record, but others belonging to the high school, were explained to them.

Grade I.

As Gorham has no music kindergarten, I am introducing in the first grade, the kindergarten method of teaching music, for the purpose of better developing the child's musical sense of tone, accent, action and rythm. This is done by different kinds of musical games and stories, rhythmic action, such as marching, all kinds of bodily motion, and simple forms of dance steps to different kinds of rythm. At present, this method is in the embryo stage, but it

is hoped as time goes on it will become more perfect. An instrument such as a piano or victrola is very much needed in this grade to carry on the work in a more efficient manner, besides starting the child on its musical school work in a more distinct musical atmosphere. The child is allowed to sing and express itself in its own way through rote and motion songs. Attention is given to scale work, however, for the purpose of ear training and clearing of monotones.

Grade II.

This grade is an enlargement of the first grade with the added work of introducing the child to all musical signs and notation. At present the staff, lines and spaces, whole, half, quarter, eighths, sixteenth, thirty-second and sixty-fourth notes and rests have been taken up, the work being carried on in the same playful and cheerful spirit as in the first grade. Rote songs are sung but of a more advanced grade.

Grade III.

With the knowledge gained in the second grade, the actual sight reading work, and the serious study of music is begun in this grade. No books are used, all work being done from the blackboard and desk. The syllable system (do-re-me-fa-so-la-te-do) has been eliminated and in its place has been substituted the interval system (1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8). Through this system, which is simple and easy for the child to understand, the pupils have already taken up the study of intervals in various positions such as in successive order, chord effect and skips. Rote songs are sung in still more advanced grade, the child being encouraged to tell the story of the song and in what manner they think the song should be sung, according to the suggestions offered through the text. In other words, the pupils in an unconscious way are learning the rudiments of musical interpretation.

Grade IV.

This grade is intended to be an enlargement of the third grade. Pupils are now ready to read from the book and two-part singing is introduced, also all musical terms, while frequent use of the musical dictionary is encouraged. At present, this grade, vocally, is in an advanced stage. Written work consists of interval analysis of the song, after which same is committed to memory. Frequent tests are made on blackboard, by which pupils learn to recognize, by interval, and in various keys, songs and simple melodies that are heard both in and out of the schoolroom. Through their book work the various keys are to be studied. First Reader of Educational Course is used.

Grades V and VI.

In fifth and sixth grade pupils sight-reading ability should be

pretty well developed. Songs of deeper character are studied and more difficult technical work is produced, such as building up the table of major scales in sharps and flats, pupils becoming more familiar with the various keys. Later the minor scales will be studied, also the common triads and their inversions in both major and minor mode.

Grades VII and VIII.

In seventh grade special attention is given the boys in teaching them to read from and use the bass clef in technical work. I would like to see this grade fully developed in both technical and vocal work, thus leaving for the eighth grade a course of study preparatory to the high school. At present the eighth grade are not up to standard of vocal work. The victrola is being used in this grade for the purpose of stimulating more interest, and fifteen minute talks are given, during which pupils are encouraged to discuss, also to write, in their own way all matters pertaining to musical subjects. Later, the study of musical form will be taken up, also a brief course in musical biography.

High School.

One hour per week is devoted to the high school for the study of Interpretation and Musical Appreciation. Through the chorus work I would like all pupils to become familiar with all standard vocal works of the great masters, such as the chorus numbers from the best known oratorios, cantatas and operas. Musical talks are given, with illustrations from the victrola, for the purpose of teaching appreciation. A series of talks on the folk-songs, folk-dances, national instruments, national airs and hymns of Ireland, Scotland, Wales, England, Italy, Norway and Sweden have already been given. By the means of the victrola the pupils have become familiar with different characteristics of foreign music in regard to rythm, accent, etc., besides learning to distinguish the different instruments of the orchestra. No written work is required, but tests twice a term are given. Beginning with the spring term I intend to follow out a course of instruction as outlined in "What I Hear in Music," a work especially prepared for high schools by Anne Shaw Faulkner.

Upper Village School.

Same as first, second and third grade work of village schools.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. FLORENCE C. BERWICK,

Supervisor of Music.

PROGRAM OF GORHAM HIGH SCHOOL, GORHAM, N. H.

Year.	CURRICULUM I.			CURRICULUM II.		
	Course.	Periods per Week.	Extent.	Course.	Periods per Week.	Extent.
I	English	5	Year	English	5	Year
	Algebra	5	“	Algebra	5	“
	Ancient History	5	“	Ancient History	5	“
	Latin	5	“	Biology	5	“
II	English	5	Year	English	5	Year
	Geometry	5	“	Geometry	5	“
	Latin	5	“	English History	5	“
	Greek, French, German	5	“	Commercial Arithmetic	5	“
III	English	5	Year	Bookkeeping	5	“
	Physics	5	“	English	5	Year
	Latin	5	“	Physics	5	“
	Greek, French, German	5	“	Mathematics Review	5	“
IV	English	4	Year	French or German	5	“
	U. S. History and Civics	4	“	French or German	5	“
	Greek, French, German	4	“	Advanced Mathematics	4	“
	Mathematics Review	4	“	Chemistry	4	“
	Latin					

CURRICULUM III.				CURRICULUM IV.			
Year.	Course.	Pds. per Wk	Extent.	Course.	Pds. per Wk	Extent.	Year
I	English	5	Year	English	5	Year	
	Ancient History	5	..	Ancient History	5	..	
II	Biology	5	..	Latin	5	..	
	Domestic Arts	5	..	Domestic Arts	5	..	
III	a Plain Cooking [point. Embroidery	5		a Plain cooking [point. Embroidery	5		
	b Dressmaking from design stand-	5		b Dressmaking from design stand-	5		
IV	English History	5	Year	English	4	Year	
	Commercial Arithmetic	5	..	Latin	4	..	
	Bookkeeping	5	..	French	4	..	
	Domestic Arts	5	..	Domestic Arts	4	..	
	a Household mechanical appliances	5		English	5		
	b Household sanitation and hygiene	5		Latin	5		
	English	5	Year	French	5		
	Physics	5	..	Domestic Arts	5		
	French	5	..				
	Domestic Arts	5	..				
	a Physiology	4					
	b Nursing, care of infants, the	4					
	sick, the aged, sick cooking	4					
	English	4	Year				
	U. S. History	4	..				
	French	4	..				
	Chemistry	4	..				
	Domestic Arts	4	..				
	a Cooking from analytic standpoint	4					
	b Household economics	4					
	c House design and decoration	4					

Revised and corrected form of Program of August 20.

Spelling—Entire course. Debating—Winter term.

APPENDIX

Tables of Vital Statistics

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Registered in the Town of Gorham, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1916.

Sex and Con.		Date of Birth.	Name of Child.	Name of Father.	Name of Mother.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Male.	Female.								
		Jan. 10	Jos. Wilfred Frank Alb't m	Liv	5	Florian Albert	Cascade	Fireman	Canada
		14	Jennie Tremain	f	6	Thos. J. Tremain	Gorham	Laborer	Gorham
		15	— Hopkins	m	6	Wm. Hopkins	"	Engineer	Wales
		17	— Tangney	m	2	Arthur Tangney	"	Laborer	Sensaiser, Canada
		21	Marie Yvonne Poitras	f	2	Damase Poitras	Cascade	Papermaker	Canada
		26	— Duty	f	1	Antoine Duby	Gorham	Pulpmaker	Burlington, Vt.
		31	Domietta Cavallaro	f	2	Carmine Cavallaro	Gorham	Trackman	Italy
			— Robarge	m	1	Geo. Robarge	Laborer	Whitefield	Gorham
		Feb. 2	Donald Robert Bryant	m	1	H. H. Bryant, Jr.	"	Old Town, Me.	Portland, Me.
		3	— Ross	f	2	P. K. Ross	"	Gorham	St. Patrick's, Que.
		12	Helen Edna Howett	f	1	George Howett	"	"	Gorham
		17	— Tata	m	1	5:4	"	N. B.	Italy
		18	— Guarin	m	1	John G. Guarin	Cascade	Physician	Canada
		19	— Jewett	m	2	11: Willard J. Jewett	Farmington, Me.	Bookkeeper	Gilead, Me.
		26	Mario Spaltro	m	3	3: Vingrazzo Spaltro	Gorham	Insurance	Italy
Mch.		5	Alice Gagniere	f	1	Joseph Gagniere	"	Laborer	Gorham
		8	Charlotte Raymond And'r's m	m	2	Fred A. Andrews	"	Better mechanist	Danville, Que.
		12	David Grey Perkins	m	5	Guy Perkins	"	Engineer	Buckwold, Me.
		22	— LePage	m	3	Treflin LePage	"	Papermaker	Jefferson
		26	Jos. Henri Lione Berubí	m	2	John Berubí	"	Laborer	Gorham
		Apr. 6	— Simbald	m	4	7:0 Simbald	Cascade	Pulpmaker	Canada
		10	Jean Cameron Raeburn	f	1	Henry T. Raeburn	Gorham	Laborer	Italy
		15	Wm. Robert Ingalls	m	1	Robert H. Ingalls	"	Clerk	Toronto, Ont.
		17	— Tremain	f	5	Kennedy Tremain	"	Laborer	Shelburne
						Flossie Tangney			Canada

Births Registered in the Town of Gorham, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1916--Continued.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child.	Sex and Con.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
		Male.	Female.						
Apr. 29	Nellie Peabody	f	Liv	4	Elbridge Peabody	Gorham	Pulp mill hand	West Milan	Yarmouth, Me.
May 3	Vincenzo Emilio Gemmito	m	4	Bernardo Gemmito	Filmen F. Nuking	"	Laborer	Italy	Italy
8	Adolina Bruni	f	"	Frank Bruni	Pasqua Transaro	"	Papermaker	"	Berlin
10	Peter Pearce McCarthy	m	2	Thomas McCarthy	Clara Ouellette	"	Meat cutter	Ireland	Canada
22	Wilfred Gilbert	m	"	Eugene Gilbert	Mary LeClair	"	Pulpmaker	Gorham	Gorham
31	Howard W. Swift	m	3	Alfred Swift	Persis Pottier	"	Papermaker	Gardiner, Me.	Buckfield, Me.
June 10	— Bedard	f	"	James Bedard	Belle Decosta	"	Laborer	Italy	Italy
22	— Cerini	m	"	Laferno Cerini	Libretta Marchini	"	"	"	Windsor Mills, Que
—	Addario	m	"	Valentino Addario	Pasquarosa Delfin's	"	Electrician	Jefferson	Canada
28	— Murphy	m	"	Joseph Murphy	Hilda Reed	"	Track foreman	Canada	Michigan
July 11	— Therrien	m	"	Arthur Therrien	Lemina Lettre	"	Electrician	England	Maine
16	Louise Reid	f	"	Herbert Reid	Margaret Geake	"	Papermaker	N. H.	Gorham
20	— Kelley	f	"	Leo Kelley	Nina Goodnow	"	Roundhouse fmn.	Norway, Me.	No. Waterboro, Me
31	— McAllister	m	"	Corey B. McAllister	Blanche Cote	"	Pulpmaker	Gorham	Saco, Me.
Aug. 3	Benson	m	"	Leslie Benson	Julia Whellan	"	Laborer	N. B.	Gorham
9	Fred E. Murphy	m	"	Fred E. Murphy	Florence Boutillier	"	Fmn. barker mill Dummer	Canada	Jackman, Me.
14	— Sanborn	m	"	Otis Sanborn	Grace Perkins	"	Sulphite maker	Canada	Maine
16	— King	m	"	Joseph B. King	Ruby S. Graft	"	Laborer	Canada	Italy
19	— Vezina	f	"	Albert Vezina	Jennie Martel	"	Mill hand	Canada	Barnston, Que.
23	— Wieucci	m	"	Tito Wieucci	Florina Toppi	"	Garage man	Canada	Shelburne
24	Doris Elizabeth Howland	f	"	Henry H. Howland	Margaret O'Hearn	"	P. nurse	Canada	Vermont
Sept. 8	Ruth Leona Cox	f	"	Ralph Cox	Iva Heath	"	Laborer	St. Augustine, Fla.	Strafford
—	Tarbeault	m	"	Moses Tarbeault	Emma Hall	"	Plumber	Canada	No. Averill, Vt.
14	Elton Harry Middleton	m	"	Harry C. Middleton	Elizabeth Clark	"	Engineer	N. Y.	Canada
14	Marie Laura Blais	f	"	Philippe Blais	Aura Alcebailler	"	Laborer	Canada	Canada
Oct. 21	— Sylvester	m	"	Henry Sylvester	Eva Washburn	"	Ry. yardmaster	Canada	Lewiston, Me.
Nov. 5	— Dauphiny	m	"	Charles Dauphiny	Laura Duquette	"	Mill foreman	Frampton, Ont.	Sherbrooke, Que.
12	Irene Chabot	f	"	Felix Chabot	Laura Martel	"	Meat cutter	P. E. I.	"
13	Isabelle Yvonne Auger	m	"	Archie Auger	Claudia Bernard	"	Trackman	"	"
26	— Gaudette	m	Stil	7	Caie Gaudette	"	"	"	"

Births Registered in the Town of Gorham, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1916--Continued.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child	Sex and Con.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
		Male.	Female.					
		No. Child.	Living or Stillborn.	Color.				
Nov. 27—	Dechati	m	Liv. 1	Jos. Dechati	Reba Worsø	Cascade	Laborer	Italy
Dec. 2 —	Guérin	m	18	John B. Guérin	Marie Lacombe	“	“	Cohoes, N. Y.
7 —	Louise Sullivan	m	“	“	Mary Lamatiar	Gorham	“	Canada
20 —	Alfonso O'Neil	m	4	C. Alphonso O'Neil	Nora Gallant	Cascade	“	Italy
23 —	Thompson	f	3	Gregory O'Neil	Bridget LaBarge	“	Mill fireman	Cartigan, Que.
31 —	Roberts	m	“	Philip Thompson	Philip Bitts	“	“	Canada
Oct. 11 —	Wenworth Tellington	m	4	Wm. C. Roberts	Melient Bitts	Gorham	“	N. B.
Dec. 20 —	O'Neil	m	1	Jesse Tellington	Mrtle Jordan	“	Electrician	Canaan, Vt.
		3		Gregory O'Neil	Nora Gallant	“	Fireman	Canada

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

MERTON M. WILLIS, Town Clerk.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Gorham, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1916.

Marriage Date	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each time of marriage.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Occupation of each.	Birthplace of each.	Name of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	* Name, residence and official station of person by whom married.	
										Condition	Occupation.
Jan. 18	Erlin Clinton Smith	Gorham	19	Sectionman	Bethel, Me.	Alfred J. Smith	Bethel, Me.	Bethel	Farmer	G. L. Pressey, C.	Gorham, N. H.
	Lyda Mary Obert	"	19	Housekeeper	Gorham	Martha Robinson	Hanover, Me.	Canada	Housewife		
Feb. 21	Louis Allen Webb	Danvers, Mass.	23	Machinist	Danvers, Mass.	Jos. Obert	Scruton	Wm. S. Webb	Teamster		
	Mary Ellen Hopkins	Cascade	23	Nurse	England	Deiphine' T'abault	England	Bridget A. Welsh	Housewife	J. B. McCaffrey C.	Gorham, N. H.
Mch. 8	Ralph Henry Smith	Gorham	22	Merchant	Bartlett	Patrick J. Hopkins	England	Bertram A. Smith	Farmer		
	Jane Louise Mason	"	20	Housework	Gorham	Marion A. Shaw	Johnsville, Que.	Johnsville, Que.	Housewife		
13	George A. Abbott	"	45	Fireman	Paris, Me.	Walter L. Mason	Lancaster	Walter L. Mason	Merchant	H. S. Mahood, C.	Gorham, N. H.
	Mary M. Dyer	"	36	Housework	Halifax, N. S.	Emma C. Clark	West Paris, Me.	West Paris, Me.	Housekeeper		
24	C. F. Hadakin	Minot, Me.	23	Farmer	All	Richard Hadakin	Lynn, Mass.	Richardson J. Abbott	Engineer	J. F. Libby, J. P.	Gorham, N. H.
	Helen Washburn	"	19	Housework	Paris, Me.	Albert Armbrug	Paris, Me.	Paris, Me.	Farmer	G. L. Pressey, C.	Gorham, N. H.
Apr. 2	James V. Johnson	Marcellus, N. Y.	44	Weaver	Minot, Me.	Emily —	Halifax, N. S.	Halifax, N. S.	Housewife		
	Mary Logan	"	45	Housework	Jackson	John W. Johnson	Canada	John W. Johnson	Farmer		
	6	Harry H. Howland	30	Steamfitter	Gorham	Meritt Harlow	Gilead, Me.	Meritt Harlow	Housework		
	Margaret O'Hearn	Berlin	23	Manicurist	Berlin	John W. Johnson	Minot, Me.	John W. Johnson	Farmer		
11	Albert Merton Randall	Lewiston, Me.	32	Motorman	Freeport, Me.	Agnes McKinnon	S. Windham, Me	S. Windham, Me	Housework	H. G. Noyes, J. P.	Gorham, N. H.
	Ada Charlotte Libby	"	28	Stenographer	Pittston, Me.	Alexander Orr	Windham, Me	Windham, Me	Farmer		
						Ora Howard	Lisbon	Ora Howard	Machinist	H. S. Mahood, C.	Gorham, N. H.
						Eliz beth Hawkins	Dummer	Eliz beth Hawkins	Housework		
						James O' Hearn	Quebec	James O' Hearn	Ry. man		
						Anna Galvin	Brom' tonville	Anna Galvin	Housework		
						Alannah' Ra'dall	Freeport, Me.	Alannah' Ra'dall	Farmer		
						Mary Ellen Todd	Pittston, Me.	Mary Ellen Todd	Housework		
						Sam'l J. Troop	Pittston, Me.	Sam'l J. Troop	Farmer	J. F. Libby, J. P.	Gorham, N. H.
								Mary Ann Carter	Boston, Mass.		

Marriages Registered in the Town of Gorham, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1916--Continued.

Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each, time of marriage.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Birthplace of each.	Name of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	Name, residence and official station of person by whom married.
Edward H. Tenney May	Gorham	20	Fireman	Grafton, Me.	James O. Tenney	Grafton, Me.	Engineer	G. L. Pressey, C.	
Lila Bartlett	Bethel, Me.	19	Housework	Mary E. Morse	Mary Nelson Bartlett	Norway, Me.	Housework	Gorham, N. H.	
9 Harold H. Wood	Oxford, Me.	21	Chauffeur	Mabel Robinson	George W. Wood	Bethel, Me.	Farmer	C. M. Davidson, JP	
Julia Valley Dorsey	"	21	Hairdresser	Mary D. Horne	Frank W. Wood	Andover, Me.	Housework	Berlin, N. H.	
1 Ernest Owen Sullivan	Gorham	24	Asst. chemist	Addie Hartshorn	Andover	Waterford, Me.	Lumberjack	C. M. Davidson, JP	
Ethel Eliza Sullivan	Bartlett	22	Housework	Eugene Chandler	North Conway	Berlin, Me.	Housework	Berlin, N. H.	
5 Geo. E. Gatchell	Gorham	21	Cobbler	Arville Chandler	North Conway	Lunenburg, Vt.	Millwright	David A. Pearson, C.	
Laura Wilson	"	27	Housework	James M. Ryan	North Conway	North Conway	Housewife	Conway, N. H.	
12 Ernest Exchange	"	28	Cook	Grace Watson	N. B.	N. B.	Engineer	J. B. McCaffrey, C.	
Elinira Duguay	"	25	Housework	Henry A. Gatchell	Etna, Me.	Etna, Me.	Housewife	Gorham, N. H.	
21 Charles Leonard Brunelle	"	27	Electrician	Jenetta Crosby	Vermont	Vermont	Sectionman	G. L. Pressey, C.	
Marjorie Pearl Noyes	"	23	Teacher	Orin Chesley	West Concord	West Concord	Housewife	Gorham, N. H.	
16 William James	"	36	Laborer	Ella Stevens	England	England	Farmer	Fred C. Leining, C.	
Ella Hemming	"	23	Housework	Charles Gardner	Millville	England	Housewife	Biddeford, Me.	
17 Charles E. Wheeler	Auburn, Me.	18	Shoe shop	Lillian James	Ireland	Ireland	Retired	G. L. Pressey, C.	
Grace Wight	Lewiston, Me.	17	"	John Duguay	Paris, France	Paris, France	Housewife	Gorham, N. H.	
				Louise Bledau	Samuel T. Brunelle	Millforeman	Housewife		
				Delia Cherbonneau	Delia Cherbonneau	Greenwood, Me	Engineer		
				Levi A. Noyes	Bethia L. Gates	Gotham	Housewife		
				Bertha L. Gates	Gardner James	WoodrivenPRI Moulder	Housework		
				Charles Hemming	Lizzie Forest	Ireland	Laborer		
				Charles Hemming	Charles Hemming	Canterbury, N. Y.			
				George A. Wheeler	Charles Hemming	Canaan, Me.	Carpenter		
				Nina Emery	Charles Hemming	Monmouth, Me.	Housewife		
				William Wight	Charles Hemming	Auburn, Me.	Trainman		
				Grace Loris	Charles Hemming	Grace Loris	Housewife		

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Date of marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each time of marriage.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Age in years. Age of each.	Birthplace of each.	Name of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	Name, residence and official station of person by whom married.	
									Gender	Occupation
Aug. 27	Frank Thompson	Gorham	21 Laborer	Germany	John Thompson	Germany	Germany	Laborer	G. L. Pressey, C. Gorham, N. H.	
	Alice Perkins	"	18 Housework	Gorham	Lizzie Damilla	Wm. J. Perkins	St. David, N. B.	Housewife		
Sept. 4	Ernest T. Brooks	"	36 Cook	Greenwood, Me.	Edith Berry	A. S. Brooks	Calais, Me.	Farmer	G. L. Pressey, C. Gorham, N. H.	
	Minerva D. Wilson	Shelburne	28 Housework	Shelburne	Anna Bennett	John Wilson	Shelburne	Housewife		
Nov. 19	Linwood E. Small	Gorham	30 Mill operator	Bowdoin, Me.	Nat'l F. Small	John F. Small	Northumberl'd	Teamster	A. C. Cote, C. Lewiston, Me.	
	Anna Mercier	Lewiston, Me.	23 Housekeeper	Lewiston, Me.	Sarah E. Maines	Alfred Mercier	Canada	Housewife		
20	Archie Guerton Parrin	Gorham	22 Barber	Hyde Park, Vt.	Angelina Herard	Parrin	Northfield	Ho. sework	E. D. Mackey, C. Berlin, N. H.	
	Elizabeth C. Wheeler	Berlin	22 Housework	Berlin	Flora E. Stone	Peter A. Parrin	Hyde Park, Vt.	Barber		
Dec. 23	Guilford Lindsey	Gorham	24 Laborer	Cherryfield, Me.	Edw. D. Wheeler	Edw. D. Wheeler	Housework	Carpenter		
	Beatrice Thoits	"	19 Housework	Cherryfield, Me.	Elizabeth McMain Jackson	Cherryfield, Me.	Housewife	Carpenter		
Oct. 25	Mark Wesley Rix	Gorham	20 Laborer	Shelburne	Sadie Pinkham	William Thoits	Shelburne	Housewife	W.B. Macmaster, C. Gorham, N. H.	
	Marijorie Alice Philbrook	Shelburne	29 Housework	Shelburne	Katherine Emery	John Rix	Canada	Hotel prop.	Rev. P. M. Wood, C. Berlin, N. H.	
				"	Kitty Rix	Aug. E. Philbrook	Shelburne	Housewife		
					Alice Kimball	Alice Kimball	Bethel, Me.	Housewife		

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

MERTON M. WILLIS, Town Clerk,

Deaths Registered in the Town of Gorham, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1916.

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.	Place of Death.	Sex—Con.	Occupation.	Name of Father.		Name of Mother.		Disease or Cause of Death.	
						Male.	Female.	Color, hair.	Days, months, years.	or widow.	Stillborn
Jan. 6	Eugenie Mercier	45	529 Gorham	f	Housewife	Charles Billedoux	Pauline Cote	Pneumonia			
12	James E. Willey	59	"	m	Con. and carp.	James Willey	Sophronia Leavitt	"			
	Fred Mercier	24	5 7	m	Papermaker	Archie Mercier	Eugenie Cote	"			
15	Marie Perron	24	Cascade	m	f	Wm. Hopkins	Cilda Demers	Stillborn			
	— Hopkins	1	Gorham	m	s	Napoleon St. Pierre	Margaret Evans	Monstrosity			
16	Wilfred St. Pierre	12	7 4	m	m	Charles Benson	Mary Lafountain	Don't know			
	Benson	1	16	m	f	Antoine Duby	Tiny Heath	Pneumonia broncho			
26	Duby	2	2 13 Cascade	m	f	W. J. Murphy	Veronica Pepin	Premature birth			
	Wm. B. Murphy	24	2 13 Gorham	m	f	Joseph Rowe	Alice McGrath	Acute bronchitis			
Feb.	3 Lenora Rowe Grenier	54	"	m	Housewife	Geo. Robarge	Safronia Poil	Pneumonia			
	4 Baby Harriman Robarge	4	"	m	s	Geo. M. Ingerson	Lena Harriman	Underdevelopment			
	5 Geo. S. Ingerson	78	8 28	m	Retired	John Burns	Mary W. Perkins	Cerebral hemorrhage			
	Catherine Burns	73	"	m	f	Frederick Ingalls	Maria Fox	Influenza and pleurisy			
	12 Rowena Hills Ingalls	20	5	m	Retired	James Noble	Mary T. Kollman	Cardiac embolism			
	37 Ralph Noble	74	3	m	f	Dominick Tata	Sophia Johnson	Influenza [heart disease			
	24 Vincenzo Germania Tata	7	"	m	Retired	Vincenzo Spaltro	Francisca Brusca	Blue baby, congenital			
Mch.	1 Mario Spaltro	4	"	m	m	Dorotio Pastore	Dorotio Pastore	Belitability			
	1 Fred Collins	35	10	m	m	All ill	Persis Hall	Lobar pneumonia			
	12 Ora P. Howland	72	"	m	m	Civil engineer	Pauline Cote	Cerebral hemorrhage			
	13 Marilda Dupont	31	10 26	m	f	Parker Howland	Pauline Cote	Influenza and pleurisy			
	24 Angus Gillis	54	"	m	m	Chas. Billadeau	Marie Louise Duke	Cardiac embolism			
Apr.	7 Charles Nedare	10	14	m	m	John Gillis	Elsie Wilson	Acute broncho pneumonia			
	May 13 Sylvester Wilson	64	5 2	m	m	Joseph Nadore	Amy Bray	Pulmonary congestion			
	14 Didier Caron	7 T. E. Goodno	"	m	m	Joseph Goodno	Celia —	Pneumonia			
	24 David Vachon	80	7 29	m	m	Evans Wilson	Annie King	Arteritis scleriosis			
June	8 Philomena Vachon	75	9	m	m	Edward Caron	Madeleine Cureter	Pulmonary congestion			
	7 Mary Smith Burbank	83	8 23	m	w	Jerome Vachon	Sarah Walker	Paralysis agitans			
July	24 Bigis Stoppieri	21	"	m	m	Francis Morin	Drowning				
	27 Mary E. Tenney	65	2 21	m	f	Potter Smith	E. H. Morse	Mitral regurgitation			

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				Days.	Months.	Years.	Male.	Female.	
Aug. 5	Albert Poisson	39	120 Gorham	m	m				Moise Poisson
14	Karl O. Lee	72	10 4	m	m				Caroline Mailhotte
28	William E. Buzzell	57	2 1	m	f				Mitral regurgitation
Sept. 3	Easter Lilley Heath	720	"	m	m				Cancer of duodenum
4	James A. G. Adley	49	14 "	m	m				Cholera infantum
20	Fred Guerin	628	Cascade	m	m				Sarcoma of the upper jaw
28	Peter Pearce McCarthy	418	Gorham	m	f				Sleo-colitis
	Marie Yvonne Poitras	8	7	m	f				Bronchial pneumonia
29	Baby Pound	424	"	m	s				
Oct. 8	John F. Chadbourne	78	820	m	w				Lottie Pound
16	Ritta F. Laundry	318	"	m	w				Unknown
17	Crofert Arsenault	1	613	m	f				Nath'l Chadbourne
Nov. 5	— Sylvester	16	"	m	s				Armed Laundry
13	Irene Chabot	1	16 "	m	f				Glorie Arsenault
				m	s				Henry Sylvester
				m	f				Felix Chabot
				m	w				Alexander Parise
				m	f				James Bierny
				m	w				Chas. Daunhiny
				m	s				James Farquhar
Dec. 2	James Farquhar	62	7	m	m				Gate tender

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MERTON M. WILLIS, Town Clerk.

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